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Richler article riles Quebec

Mordechai Richler, one of Canada's most respected and widely-known novelists, has provoked a storm of controversy in his native province with an acerbic, 32-page article on Quebec in the Sept. 23 edition of the prestigious American magazine *The New Yorker*.

In it, he charges that, primarily because of Quebec's language laws, anglophone Quebecers feel unwelcome in the province, and that whether or not a referendum on Quebec sovereignty is held, and whatever its results, anglophones and allophones (those whose mother tongue is neither French nor English) will continue to flee the province.

Only 1,000 copies of the issue were allocated to Quebec, and they sold out almost immediately. At the end of the week, newsstands in Ontario were still stocking the previous week's issue.

The Canadian Jewish News obtained a copy of Richler's essay on Friday, and an analysis of its contents will appear in next week's issue. However, reaction to reports of Richler's statements, particularly in the francophone media, did not wait for the article to be available. In this issue we are carrying, in French, a report by Elias Lévy of our Montreal bureau on that reaction. His report will be carried in English in the Oct. 3 issue.

Of particular concern to the Jewish community are the four pages in which Richler traces the history of Quebec anti-Semitism and implies that it still exists.

Some highlights of the report:

On the future of Quebec:

"Whichever way Quebec votes in another referendum, if it has one, the decline of Montreal will not stop. Anglophone Quebecers — the bilingual young, in particular — will continue to leave, because they feel so unwelcome. And down the road we will have something like de-facto separation..."

On immigrants and their welcome in Quebec:

"Of the 516,000 immigrants who had come to Quebec since 1969 some 312,000 took a good look around and skedaddled. Even so, a Jesuit priest interviewed in the film (an alarmist Radio-Canada documentary entitled To disappear: the inevitable fate of the French nation in America) anticipated violence in Quebec and urged that immigration should be restricted to countries compatible with Quebec's culture."

'Bourassa betrayed them'

On Quebec's efforts to boost the francophone population through large families:

"The problem is that over the past thirty years the influence of the Catholic Church in Quebec has waned, and there has been a precipitous drop in Quebec's birth rate, which was once the highest in North America; in the past, families of a dozen children were not uncommon. This punishing level of reproduction, which seemed to me to be based on the assumption that women were sows, was encouraged with impunity from the sidelines by l'Abbé Lionel Groulx..."

On that same Abbé Groulx and anti-Semitism:

"Bigoted clercis were not uncommon during Groulx's halcyon days, which I take to be the thirties, a decade when that notoriously anti-Semitic radio priest Father Charles Coughlin flourished in the United States. What is astonishing is that, given the nature of the racist claptrap that was Groulx's stock-in-trade, he did not fade away like Coughlin, a blight limited to his times, but went on to become a major influence on many of Quebec's leading intellectuals, among them Claude Ryan."

On Quebec nationalism and anti-Semitism:

"The anglophone Jews who have remained in Montreal feel that Premier Bourassa betrayed them with Bill 178, and they are wary of the tribalism that has taken hold here. René Levesque was not an anti-Semite. Neither is Jacques Parizeau. All the same, Jews who have been Quebecers for generations understand only too well that when thousands of flag-waving nationalists march through the streets, roaring 'Le Québec au (sic) Québecois' they do not have in mind anybody named Ginsburg — or, for that matter, MacGregor."

On Quebec's Jews and Quebec society:

La Presse columnist Gérald Leblanc "repeated the familiar statement that Jews had long ago integrated into the province's anglophone minority rather than its French majority. The standard Jewish response to this complaint was that Jews were not welcome in the French Catholic school system. That was certainly true, as far as it went, but it was also disingenuous; Jews would have indentified with the English-speaking community in any event."

Shamir under pressure to leave peace process

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, locked in a struggle with the Bush administration over U.S. loan guarantees for immigrant absorption, is under mounting pressure from the right wing of his coalition government to back out of the U.S.-sponsored peace process.

He urged the United States to be "objective" in its approach to regional issues.

Briefing visiting members of Congress, Shamir claimed current U.S. attitudes are being interpreted by the Arabs as distinctly anti-Israel, which, he said, prejudices both the peace process and Israel's ability to absorb Soviet immigrants.

The right-wing parties, never happy with the idea of a Middle East peace conference under U.S.-Soviet auspices, have been infuriated by Washington's apparent linkage of the loan guarantees to a freeze on settlement-building in the territories.

Their anger is shared by Shamir and most of his Likud bloc, though not by the opposition Labor Party and the small leftist factions in the Knesset.

On the other hand, Shamir faces criticism for jeopardizing relations with Israel's most powerful ally and for risking billions of dollars in badly needed loan money.

Nevertheless, Israel's official position, articulated by Shamir's top aide, Yosef Ben-Aharon, is that a settlement freeze is not even under consideration.

Ben-Aharon, who is director general of the Prime Minister's Office, demanded that the United States differentiate between the humanitarian issue of Soviet Jewish refugees and the political dispute over the settlements.

He also reminded the Americans that Israel has yet to make its final commitment to join the peace conference.

Israeli officials admit, though, that they are resigned, albeit reluctantly, to a 120-day delay before Congress acts on Israel's request that the United States guarantee $10 billion in loans so that it can borrow the money on more favorable terms.

U.S. President George Bush insists the waiting period will benefit the peace process. The Israelis and their supporters in the United States acknowledge that a victory over Bush, if it were possible, would poison relations with the administration.

But the Shamir government in recent days has gotten signals from Washington that the administration will not recommend the loan guarantees even after the four-month delay, unless it is fully satisfied that none of the money will go directly or indirectly to settlement-building.

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M. Richler offusque les francophones du Québec

Mordechaï Richler

ELIAS LEVY

La litanie d'allégations incisives étayées par l'écrivain Mordechaï Richler dans la sombre radioscopie du Québec qu'il a brossée dans le prestigieux magazine américain *The New Yorker*, pouvait difficilement passer inaperçue.

Les nombreuses réactions suscitées par ce long article de trente-deux pages, ont été des plus tonitruantes. Notamment celles émanant d'une intelligentsia francophone ostensiblement offusquée par les accusations de racisme et d'antisémitisme dont le célèbre écrivain canadien affuble la société québécoise.

Mais ce qui est regrettable dans cette sordide affaire, c'est la connotation essentiellement juive que certaines personnalités publiques et intellectuelles francophones lui ont conférée.

Dans un éditorial publié dans *Le Devoir* (édition du 18 septembre), Mme. Lise Bissonnette, directrice du quotidien, dénonce vigoureusement par le biais de commentaires acerbes, la vision du Québec de M. Richler.

Elle se demande si des actions légales en justice ne devraient pas être intentées contre l'écrivain. "Imaginons, un exemple qui parlera mieux à M. Richler, qu'un célèbre écrivain arabe vivant à Jérusalem fasse parvenir au *New Yorker* une pièce aussi vitriolique et impressionniste sur la société majoritaire en Israël; la revue lui aurait-elle fait un pont d'or?", écrit-elle, goguenarde.

Autre réaction surprenante, celle de M. Gérard Cellier, conseiller en communication de la Délégation du Québec à New York. Dans une entrevue accordée le 19 septembre au quotidien *Le Devoir*, ce dernier affirme que "les opinions exprimées par M. Richler dans son article, ne sont pas du tout surprenantes. Au contraire, elles sont habituelles. Celles-ci sont largement connues et partagées de la part du milieu juif new-yorkais." S'agissant d'un texte trop personnel, le romancier canadien n'a pas été, selon lui, trop injuste à l'égard du Québec.

M. Cellier est persuadé qu'" 'il s'agit plutôt d'un article de feeling, publié car il aborde un sujet qui fait peut-être plaisir à New York, celui de la défense des juifs de Montréal".

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Léon Ouaknine

Canada

Peace is far off analyst believes

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

United States President George Bush has made a serious error in not recognizing that Jewish hostages in Arab lands should be an important item on the agenda of the forthcoming Middle East peace conference.

"The 4,300 Syrian Jews are hostages, no other term is suitable," Prof. Maurice M. Roumani told a meeting at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

But he predicted that the hostage situation generally will play a bigger role as the conference approaches and suggested that intransigence by the United States on the $10 billion loan to Israel is more related to putting pressure on Israel on the hostage situation than it is over the dispute on where the immigrants will settle in Israel.

"On the loan, I predict that the situation will turn around."

Roumani is senior lecturer in Politics and the Middle East at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

He said Israel has nothing to lose but its "poor image" in attending the peace conference. In fact, he said, Israel has no choice but to attend.

"There may be peace in my children's time, but not in mine," he said.

Regarding the peace conference, Roumani said no one should underestimate the effect on world opinion, including the Arab lands, when Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and President Hafiz al-Asad of Syria are shown shaking hands on TV.

The Syrian president is the real mystery figure of the conference, he said. "What are his real intentions towards Jews? The conference is a way of testing them. Has he really changed in his attitude to Israel? Why does he want the Golan Heights? Why should we give it back, so that he can bombard Jewish settlements every day?"

Turning once again to Israel's position at the peace conference, Roumani said: "Israel does not have to give up any territory without a comprehensive peace with all the Arab states."

He struck an optimistic note, declaring: "Israel will not have to give up anything. The United States knows full well that nations such as Israel have national interests. Jews and Muslims are destined to live together in that part of the world. They have lived amicably before. They have no choice and the earlier this is realized the better for everyone."

Roumani said he doubted that the combination of three events - the Gulf War, the peace conference, and the hostage crisis - will produce the "golden egg" everyone wants.

In his opinion, Saddam Hussein represents a greater threat to Israel now than before the Gulf War "because he is a wounded lion roaming the streets. How will we ever find out where his arsenals are?"

At a cocktail party recently, he said he heard the Moroccan ambassador say: "We will not allow Israel to create a Palestinian state. We will strangle it at its moment of birth."

The meeting was sponsored by the International Affairs and the Community Action for Israel Committees of the Ontario region, Canadian Jewish Congress.

Ella Gurevich and her 13-year-old son Daniel were two of the many volunteers who helped make Super Sunday a success. [Graphic Artists photo]

Super Sunday pledges exceed all expectations

TORONTO —

"Super Sunday was an incredible experience." That is how an enthusiastic Paul Morton, co-chairman of the 1992 Camapaign of Toronto UJA/Operation Exodus, described the mass telethon event held by UJA on Sunday, Sept. 15.

A record sum of $2.1 million was raised, "beyond anybody's expectations," according to Morton. Never before has a Super Sunday raised, in a single day, a sum which even came close to it, he said.

Some 400 volunteer canvassers manned more than 100 specially installed telephones from 10 in the morning to almost 10 in the evening, calling thousands of UJA contributors and asking them to respond to the urgent needs of Israel, Soviet Jews and the Jewish community in Toronto.

By the time the last canvassers hung up, the electronic ticker on the wall stood at $2.1 million, and it was obvious that this year's UJA campaign is moving full speed ahead, defying the recession.

The canvassers reported that "the recession came up a lot less than expected. We asked people for their support, and in most cases they came forward with their pledges without raising economic difficulties."

On a card-to-card basis, increases obtained for the 1992 Campaign exceeded 40 per cent.

Working in four shifts, each of three hours, canvassers first went through a training session to familiarize them with the donor's card, what to ask and how to present the case. Super Sunday training was part of a new emphasis this year on canvasser education, which was expanded and intensified, using a group of volunteer trainers.

Super Sunday was chaired by Sheila Engel and Paul Rothstein. A new idea was "Phone-A-Friend," urging all volunteers to contact a personal friend who previously has not made a gift to UJA. A prize was awarded for each new gift obtained. Winners of a "Super Sunday Trivia Quiz" also qualified for prizes.

"The response to Super Sunday gave us a tremendous boost," said campaign co-chairman Judy Scheininger. "It proves once again what a marvellous Jewish community we have."

Contributors defy recession

TORONTO —

The response by contributors to the 1992 Toronto UJA/Operation Exodus Campaign clearly defies the impact of the recession, Campaign co-chairmen Paul Morton and Judy Scheininger reported this week.

To date, the UJA Campaign, under the slogan An Extraordinary Year, shows an increase of 28 per cent as compared to last year, on a card-to-card basis. This substantially exceeds the target of a 20 per cent minimum increase set earlier.

Two major events which took place last week prove that UJA contributors responded to the urgent needs in Israel and the Toronto Jewish community despite the recession. The Super Sunday mass telethon on Sept. 15, and a special meeting of Toronto's top 25 UJA families, were both an unprecedented success.

While different in nature, both events showed the same trend. Super Sunday raised a record sum of $2.1 million, obtained by hundreds of volunteers in thousands of phone calls to individual contributors.

The top givers event took place at the home of Rosalie and Isadore Sharp on Sept. 16, the day following Super Sunday. Commitments were made by top givers who "really stretched" to meet the unprecedented needs, according to Henry Koschitzky, co-chairman of the UJA Top Gifts Division.

These needs are a result of the massive immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, and the serious strain on

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Students hold rally on behalf of Syrian Jews

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Canada is aware of the plight of Syrian Jewry and has placed it on its human rights agenda, member of Parliament Jim Peterson told a rally for Syrian Jews last week.

The rally was put together by the North American High School Organization Network (NAHON), which brings together young Jewish students. About 50 members carried placards south on Yonge Street to Mel Lastman Square, calling for free emigration for Syrian Jews and an end to their harassment.

In the square, slogans reminiscent of the Soviet Jewry movement were shouted in the afternoon swelter.

Peterson, the Liberal member for Willowdale, encouraged the students to keep at their struggle, adding that his party's external affairs critic, Lloyd Axworthy, will take up the matter.

Jews are often taken prisoner without charge and tortured. Mail to Jews is routinely censored and telephone calls monitored.

NAHON chairman Batya Tobin said the rally focused primarily on six Syrian Jews:

- the brothers Eli and Selim Swed, who have been imprisoned on undisclosed charges since November, 1987. On May 21 of this year, they were sentenced to 6½ years in jail after an in camera trial in Damascus. In June, they spent a week on a hunger strike. Their health is not known.
- Subhe Kastika, 39 and his brother Said, 38, who were arrested last May 1. Their wives were also taken into custody, as were Subhe's sons, Mousa, 2, and Eli, six months. According to Judy Feld Carr, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews, the women were beaten and released with the children three weeks later.

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Oppression and terror

North York Mayor Mel Lastman also commended the students, reminding all present that Syria's 4,300 Jews live amid state-sanctioned oppression and terror.

Paul Marcus of B'nai Brith Canada said Syrian Jews cannot vote, hold government office, emigrate or travel freely. A special section of the feared Mukhabarat, the secret police, keeps a watch on the Jewish community, even in synagogue services, he said.

When Jews do travel abroad, they must leave behind family members and a large financial deposit, Marcus added.

NAHON members pointed out that

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Irving finds venue for talk

By
RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —

British Holocaust denier David Irving has found a place to speak here, one that appears will honor its contract with him.

Irving, whose contract to speak at the Marriott Hotel in Toronto Oct. 5 was cancelled after lobbying by Jewish groups [CJN, Sept. 19], is booked to speak at the Tudor Hall, 3750 Bowesville Rd., Ottawa, on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 3 p.m.

The hall's owners say they are not buckling to pressure to reconsider the deal.

"We looked at it strictly from a business point of view," the hall's acting manager Lisa Giammaria, told The CJN. "We see the controversy, but are we not being racist in turning him away?"

Giammaria, whose father Franco owns the banquet hall, added, "If so many people dislike this man, why do so many come and hear what he has to say?"

She would not say who signed the contract with the hall, but confirmed it was not Irving.

David Irving

Both B'nai Brith Canada and the Ottawa Jewish Community Council have been in touch with Giammaria, explaining who Irving is, what he stands for and how other venues have handled his bookings.

"We haven't buckled under. That's probably what [Irving] wants."

She said the hall seats 400 and that if police fail to provide protection on the afternoon of Irving's talk, private security will be hired, at Irving's expense.

Giammaria said she understands that Irving is a magnet for controversy and that his views are regarded with near-universal contempt.

But the booking "is not a reflection of our business. Anyone who can afford to book the hall should be able to. We don't book the hall to people who only have wonderful things to say."

Backing out of the deal "would only fall into his trap."

Toronto's newly-opened Marriott Hotel backed out of its contract with Irving, saying that had it known who was involved, it would not have booked a room in the first place.

The Marriott returned the deposit to the man who signed the contract, Frank Schmidt of The Friends of David Irving.

Neither CJC nor BBC know where Irving may speak in Toronto.

Irving, who has authored several history books regarded as legitimate, has in recent years turned his attention to what he sees as a myth surrounding the number of victims killed at Auschwitz.

He maintains that 76,000 people died in the camp, most of natural causes.

Canadian guarantees remain

OTTAWA —

A 45-minute meeting last week with the Canadian Arab Federation (CAF) failed to convince External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall to withhold $100 million in Canadian loan guarantees to Israel.

McDougall did not budge on CAF requests to delay the funds, provided through the Export Development Corporation for housing and building products in Israel, external affairs spokesman Rodney Moore told The CJN.

The money will allow Israel to buy Canadian wood paneling, plywood and other "basic" building supplies, Moore explained.

The CAF wanted McDougall to deny the funds, in the same way as U.S. President George Bush is threatening to withhold $10 billion in loan guarantees to pressure Israel to come to the bargaining table.

"The $100 million is important for what it stands for," CAF president James Kafieh told The CJN. "It throws up an obstacle to peace and says to Israel, 'Don't worry, you can get anything you want.' "

Kafieh said his delegation told McDougall that the United States, "Israel's biggest and blindest supporter, has made it clear it understands that aid and subsidies would have an adverse effect on the peace process."

He said Canada's loan guarantee would free up money in Israel for more building of Jewish settlements.

But according to reports, McDougall countered that Canada's position is balanced: it puts pressure on the Arabs to end their trade boycott of Israel and pressures Israel to freeze contruction of settlements beyond the post-1967 borders.

(Canada's loan guarantee stipulates that Canadian building supplies can be used only in those houses built inside the pre-1967 borders.)

Asked if Canada would follow the American lead, McDougall said the two nations differ widely in their importance. Canada, she said, is a "very small player" in the Mideast peace process.

Kafieh disputed that, saying Canada has a "very important role to play in that part of the world. The idea that we're abdicating is un-Canadian."

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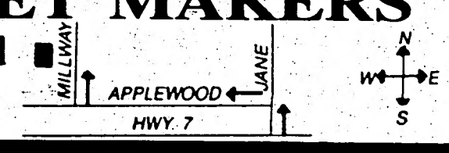

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SUNDAY DOLLARS SESSION

The Lubavitcher Rebbe Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson (right) speaks with Michael Siegal, national chairman of Israel Bonds, during a recent "Sunday dollars" session. "Eretz Yisroel is one of the surest places on the globe...Anyone who deposits money in Eretz Yisroel should be aware that it is the surest bank that exists in our time," the Rebbe said. He blessed Israel bonds to "have many investors and to invest money in Eretz Yisroel in the proper manner."

New loan fund to help business

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — A private loan fund developed by Charles Bronfman a year and a half ago in Israel to help small businesses get off the ground helped inspire a similar, Israel government-guaranteed loan fund approved recently by the Knesset finance committee.

By tendering the lowest interest rate, the Israel Discount Bank (IDB) and Claridge Small Business Development Ltd. (CSBD), (a subsidiary of Claridge Israel, the Israeli arm of Bronfman's Montreal-based investment company, Claridge Investment Ltd.) on August 27 won, the right to jointly administer the huge, NIS 100 million fund.

Forty per cent of the fund is being guaranteed by the Israeli government for the first three years, and the other 60 per cent jointly by the IDB and CSBD.

"There's no doubt about it, Charles Bronfman was the catalyst," said Jonathan Kolber, the head of Claridge Israel, phoning from Israel. Kolber suggested that the success of the private fund appeared to help convince the Israeli government to "get going" along similar lines to help small businesses.

Kolber said Bronfman became the prime mover of the small business loan concept in Israel after launching Claridge's private $4-million small business loan fund a year and a half ago as a way to spur economic activity and to create jobs in the wake of the Soviet aliyah.

Many potential small businesses, Kolber said, can not get bank loans because they need five guarantors. But the Claridge fund did away with that requirement and put more of the priority on a "good plan, a track record and a little equity," Kolber explained. "We saw that interest rates were not the dominant thing in borrowers' minds."

The government fund, proposed by the Israeli Treasury, is similarly modelled, with the IDB and CSBD generally administering the fund and having the final say on loan applications.

According to a *Jerusalem Post* report, guaranteed loans of up to NIS 500,000 will be made available to all types of businesses with three to 40 workers. NIS 25 million will be set aside for loans in Israeli development areas and will be loaned to small businesses in other parts of Israel if the whole amount is not used up.

Charles Bronfman

The *Post* reported that the loans have to be used to pay for facilities, equipment, or as working capital, and that businesses will have to be able to finance 20 per cent of the project for which they are borrowing.

Even though the government, for the first three years, is guaranteeing 100 per cent of each loan (including interest) within the NIS 40 million it is underwriting, IDB and CSBD could be left holding the bag for amounts over the NIS 40 million that are defaulted.

Kolber, however, voiced strong faith in the plan, noting that IDB wanted CSBD's participation to "enhance our ability to monitor" the screening and borrowing process.

At writing, final details were still being worked out in negotiations between IDB and CSBD and involving Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i. But Kolber was convinced that IDB's and CSBD's collaboration in the government loan fund would maximize its potential and that each party would complement the other.

"They're the bank, We're the more 'philanthropic,' more give and take. And it's worked out very well."

Kolber also wanted to "give all the kudos to the government of Israel" for starting the fund, which should be in operation in as early as three months, "even sooner," he hoped.

Des réactions vigoureuses

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— M. Gérard Leblanc, chroniqueur au journal *La Presse*, qui est sévèrement interpellé par M. Richler dans son article où il l'accuse d'animosités à l'égard des juifs anglophones, déplore aussi cette polémique houleuse.

Dans une mise au point publiée, le 17 septembre à la une de *La Presse*, ce dernier regrette le fait qu'au moment où le cinéaste Gary Beitel vient de signer un remarquable documentaire consacré aux juifs hassidiques d'Outremont, "Richler nous ramène aux vieilles querelles et aux vieux préjugés. C'est triste, écrit-il, que le message transmis aux Américains soit celui d'une haine que rien ne semble pouvoir apaiser".

Certains membres de la communauté juive francophone ont aussi décidé d'étaler leurs états d'âme sur la place publique. C'est tout du moins le cas de M. Léon Ouaknine, directeur de Centre des services sociaux juifs pour la famille.

Dans un long article consacré à l'intégration des juifs sépharades au sein de la communauté ashkénazes, publié dans la livraison d'automne du magazine *Tribune Juive* et dont *La Presse* cite de long extraits dans son édition du 20 septembre, ce dernier tente d'expliquer le combat mené avec acharnement depuis 25 ans par "les sépharades francophones contre les tentatives d'assimilation exercées par les ashkénazes anglophones".

M. Ouaknine fustige sans ambages la communauté juive anglophone du Québec. Selon lui, "c'est à l'instigation de marchands juifs ashkénases que la loi 178, limitant le droit d'afficher en langue anglaise, fut amenée en Cour suprême. On ne saurait douter de la profonde répugnance que manifestent les juifs ashkénases face à la montée de la prédominance massive du français, freinant en même temps l'évolution de la société québécoise".

Les réponses à son virulent réquisitoire ne se sont pas fait attendre. La première, inopinée, est venue de Mme. Lysiane Gagnon, l'une des chroniqueuses vedettes du quotidien *La Presse*. Dans sa chronique du 21 septembre, elle exhorte M. Ouaknine à ne pas sombrer dans des stéréotypes éculés et l'invite à mieux se familiariser avec l'histoire de Montréal.

Ainsi, écrit-elle, "il apprendrait que ces ashkénazes qu'il désigne à la vindicte publique étaient bilingues bien avant que les lois ne les y obligent, que leur apport à la société d'ici a été incalculable et qu'ils ont le droit, comme tous les autres citoyens, d'avoir les idées qu'ils veulent. Il apprendrait aussi qu'on ne gagne rien à flatter les préjugés des ultra-nationalistes".

Se considérant depuis longtemps comme une admiratrice inconditionnelle du romancier, Mme. Gagnon a lu l'article du *New Yorker* avec "plus de tristesse que d'indignation".

Elle reconnaît cependant qu'il y a quelques vérités dans le portrait morose que M. Richler brosse du Québec. Notamment au chapitre des querelles linguistiques. D'après elle, "il vise juste quand il dénonce, avec son implacable sens du ridicule, les aberrations de notre saga linguistique, les règlements tâtillons sur l'affichage, la mise à l'index des "stop" et des "hamburgers", l'opportunisme des politiciens, le zélotes de tout acabit...".

Alain Dubuc, éditorialiste en chef de *La Presse*, met aussi en exergue les commentaires de M. Ouaknine, dans une lettre ouverte publiée dans la même édition du 21. "Le texte de M. Richler a même réussi à diviser la communauté juive entre sépharades francophones et ashkénazes anglophones. Ce genre de pamphlet ne règle rien et n'aide personne", écrit-il.

C'est avec une ingénuité particulièrement espiègle, que M. Richler a déclaré lors d'une entrevue, exclusive accordée le 20 septembre à l'émission *Le Point* de Radio-Canada, qu'il n'avait nullement l'intention de se rétracter ou de modifier d'un iota ses prises de position.

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Bible video producer agrees to revise stories

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The producers of Bible videos criticized for containing anti-Semitic stereotypes have agreed to revise the Bible stories to make them "more sensitive, accurate and more spiritually meaningful."

Following meetings in New York with representatives of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and in Los Angeles with spokesmen for the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, the producers agreed to revise nine of the videos and to work with Jewish leaders on future cassettes to ensure they do not offend Jewish sensibilities.

"We believe they are making a good faith effort and that they made a sincere apology," said Charney Bromberg, director of intergroup relations for the ADL.

Executives of the Dallas-based Family Entertainment Network, producers of the videos, have agreed to make excisions, voice-overs and distribute a document describing the context of first century events, Bromberg said.

U.S. Jewish groups were concerned that the widely-distributed animated videos were presenting stereotyped portrayals of Jews as money-lenders, bribe-givers and uncaring rabbis and doctors. The cartoon characters, all wearing yarmulkes and tallesim, were given long, hooked noses, whining voices and sinister leers — features reminiscent of classic anti-Semitic propaganda, said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles.

But in a recent letter to Bromberg, Stephen Griffin, CEO of the Family Entertainment Network (FEN), said "we absolutely have no intent to produce material that is, or can be construed as anti-Semitic. . . .

"Over the past few weeks our eyes have been opened to the sensitivities you and other Jews feel and have expressed. Moreover, we wish to be responsive to those concerns you and other representatives of the Jewish community have expressed."

Griffin agreed to revise the videos now in circulation "as best we can." He also agreed to "send out a document to past and future New Testament series customers presenting the context and background" of first century Judea — that Rome exercised control, "that Jesus and his disciples were Jewish and that the animation medium should not lead to negative theological inferences."

He also requested that the ADL "review all future materials we produce relating to scriptural matters."

Rabbi Marvin Cooper of the Wiesenthal Centre, said "we're hopeful" that future videos will meet the concerns over stereotyping. While the half-hour "infomercial" promoting sale of the videos has been altered to meet these concerns, it is not yet clear what the revised videos will look like, he said.

The 22-minute videos are clearly intended for a television format, he said, and while more than 400,000 have already been distributed through the FEN network of churches and schools and in malls, the highly-polished videos have the potential of shaping the attitudes of millions of children if they reach the television medium.

Hess set standard for Jewish leadership

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

"Walter lived in the Diaspora but his heart and soul were in Israel," Rabbi Joseph Kelman said recently in his eulogy for Walter Hess, executive vice-president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, who died Sept. 15 in Toronto at age 53.

A Shloshim service will be held Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

"Walter was UIA of Canada," said Sol Lederman, former UIA president, in his tribute. "He personified the best in the international Jewish civil service. The standard he set was a model for all who take Jewish leadership seriously."

Lederman said Hess continued to attend committee meetings and go to the office in the last few weeks of his life even though cancer had sapped his strength. "His body was withered but his mind was active and alert."

Hess was dedicated to the "centrality" of Israel in the life of Jewish people worldwide, said Lederman. "He was strong, yet meek, a good example of what a leader should be. He was really driven and the thing that drove him most was the Jewish people."

Rabbi Kelmam said Hess was a man of great courage, dignity, practicality and wisdom who faced his last few months with the same courage and dignity.

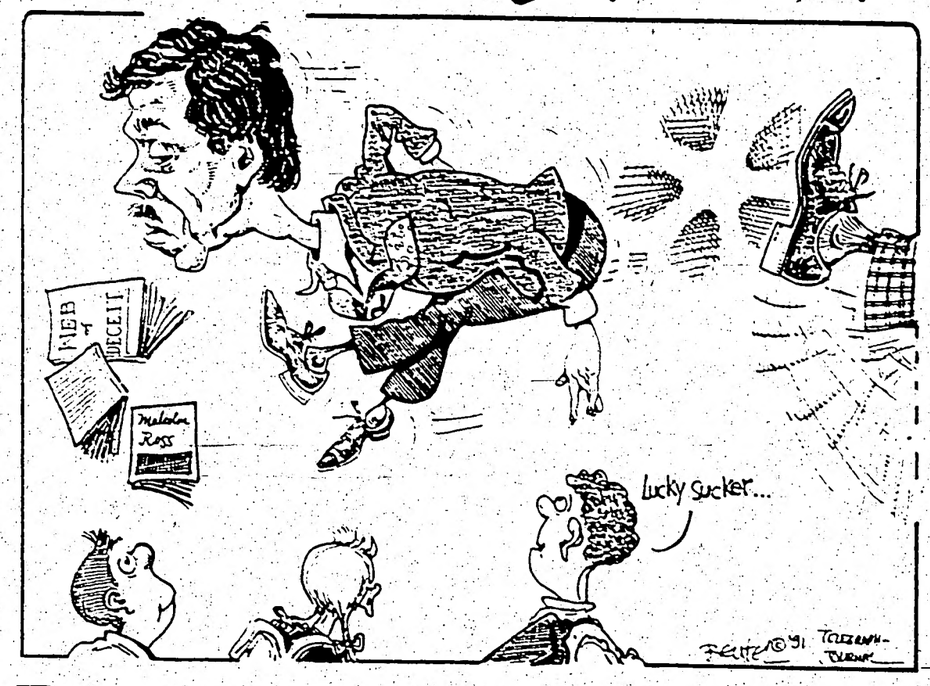
Messages of condolence had poured in from all over the world because he was known so well as a skilled advocate for Israel, Rabbi Kelman said.

Rabbi Kelman recalled that Hess had gone to Israel with a UIA mission in the early days of the Lebanon War and that a shell exploded a few feet from where he was standing.

Unlike many other world leaders, Hess had not forgotten his responsibilities to his family and to other individuals.

The family has asked that all donations in his memory be given to Operation Exodus, the rabbi said.

Cantor Louis Danto also took part in the service at Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel. Burial was at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery.



Ross gets new position

Teacher Malcolm Ross, suspended from his job by an order of a human rights inquiry, has been reinstated to a position as a program developer.

The move came as the school year began and conforms to the inquiry's order that Ross be removed from the classroom but be offered a position in the school system commensurate with his abilities, said District 15 school board chairman Carl Ross (no relation).

"It is neither a promotion nor a demotion," *The Times-Transcript* quotes Carl Ross as saying. Malcolm Ross will receive the same salary he did as a teacher, though the board chairman would not indicate the amount.

On Aug. 30, inquiry chairman Brian Bruce ruled that the District 15 board, by employing Ross, failed to provide an educational service free of discrimination. He ordered Ross removed from the classroom and suspended without pay for 18 months. Ross was to be offered a non-teaching position in the district if one was available.

Bruce's ruling includes the proviso that Ross' employment be terminated permanently if during the 18 months he publishes or writes anything mentioning a Jewish or Zionist conspiracy or attacks followers of the Jewish religion.

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Religious institutions receive extra government funding

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

In a surprise that left opposition members unprepared — and furious — the Knesset finance committee approved a request from the Finance Ministry for an additional 18 million shekels in special allocations for religious institutions.

"No one knew about the Finance Ministry request, and we couldn't understand why [committee chairman] Moshe Ze'ev Feldman (Agudat Yisrael) had called a meeting, since it is very rare for the committee to meet on a Friday. Suddenly, at 12:45, they pulled out a copy of the Finance Ministry request," related committee member Haim Oron (Mapam).

"When I saw the request, I objected. But the coalition pushed through the request. It's a matter of one hand washing the other: Earlier in the morning, the religious parties supported the 15 million allocation for the territories, and the Likud paid them back by supporting the 18 million for religious institutions."

Feldman, in turn, was furious at Oron. "Whenever anything related to Torah comes up, he automatically opposes it. It is absolutely sick, this kneejerk reaction against Torah," Feldman said following the meeting.

Sources in the Finance Ministry said that they had brought the request under the direct orders of Prime Minister Shamir, and that it was related to the coalition agreement dating back to March 1990. The 1990 budget included over 200 million in special allocations to religious institutions, while the 1991 budget already includes some 300 million in special allocations.

Special allocations are earmarked for a specific institution, and are thus shielded from objective criteria (such as the number of students in each institution) that generally rule the distribution of state funds.

"We had tried to put off the religious parties, but they finally complained to the prime minister. Shamir then sent us a directive to allocate the funds, since it was part of the coalition agreement and must be honored," commented one senior ministry official.

Of the 18 million, six million will be apportioned to "Tora Ve'yahadut La'am," a Aguda-affiliated organization that promotes Torah study; two million will go to "religious education enrichment programs," which generally means National Religious Party-related institutions, and 10 million will go to "religious institutions," to be divided among all the religious parties, one million of it to the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College. It will be the first installment of a $2.2 million grant that will be paid over the next five years.

The haredi committee members, including Feldman, were absent during the vote on HUC funding. But opposition members said that the haredi members definitely knew what was going on.

The grant is intended to cover a promise made to the movement by several finance ministers, dating back to Pinhas Sapir, that if the movement decided to build the college in Israel, it would be refunded all indirect taxes paid during the construction.

Golan investment increased

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

The Knesset Finance Committee has voted —over the strong objections of the opposition parties — to approve the investment of 15 million shekels in infrastructure development, industry, and agriculture in the territories and the Golan Heights.

"This is adding insult to injury" committee member Haim Oron (Mapam) told the coalition members angrily. "Not only are you pouring money into the territories, but you are endangering the peace process."

But coalition members said afterward that the opposition's objections were disingenuous, since part of the money is going to the Golan, and they support this.

Ariel Weinstein, who heads the Likud faction in the committee, said that it was the fuss raised by the opposition that could endanger the process, rather than the allocation.

"The allocation was made in the course of business as usual. We approve dozens of requests from the Finance Ministry every week, and if anything, it is the fact that the opposition made a special issue of this that could endanger the peace process," Weinstein argued.

The committee had been scheduled to vote on the funding the day that U.S. Secretary of State James Baker arrived, but decided to put off the vote because of the visit.

Opposition leaders had railed that the approval of the funds on the very day that he visited was "outrageously provocative," and several Likud MKs agreed that it would be best to postpone the vote for a few days.

The 15 million was approved by the committee, in principle, two months ago, but without the specifics of where the funds will go. According to the document currently before the committee, the money will be divided as follows: four million for the Golan Heights, 3.9 million for the Jordan Valley, 4.3 million for Judea and Samaria, and 2.9 million for the Gush Katif area of Gaza.

The money is administered by the Ministry of Agriculture's settlement division, which has a total budget of 90 million shekels for new settlement.

The 15 million will be used for investment in agriculture, industry and tourism. Some of the specific projects on the list are a turkey farm, flower hothouses, a dairy farm, investment in water works, land preparation, industrial buildings, and tourism projects.

Klaus Barbie near death

PARIS (JTA) —

Convicted Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, serving a life sentence in Lyon, is possibly near death.

He was hospitalized Monday in the prison ward and may never be returned to his cell.

Barbie, 77, has been receiving chemotherapy for blood cancer. His condition is "desperate" according to his lawyer, Jacques Verges.

Last year, Verges requested his client's release from prison to be treated for terminal cancer. The lawyer also asked a prominent Jewish doctor to treat Barbie. No answer was reported.

The former SS officer was found guilty in 1987 on 17 counts of war crimes committed when he served as Gestapo chief in Lyon from 1942 to 1944, earning the title "butcher of Lyon."

His offenses, for which he expressed no remorse, included deporting Jewish children to the Auschwitz death camp, arresting thousands of the city's Jews for deportation and the arbitrary torture of countless others.

Barbie is still under investigation for his part in the torture-murder of French resistance leader Jean Moulin. But his illness kept police officials from questioning him in recent weeks.

Barbie managed to escape from Europe after the war. He was sentenced to death in absentia by French courts in 1952 and 1954.

But France abolished the death penalty in 1981, several years before Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld traced Barbie to Bolivia, where he had lived for many years under the alias Klaus Altmann.

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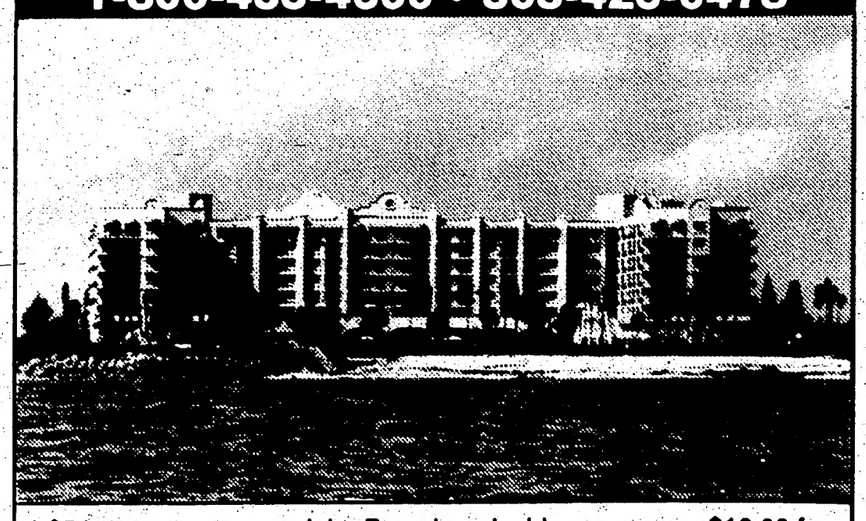
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U.S. broke Pollard deal, says lawyer

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

A United States federal appeals court has been told that the U.S. government violated its plea bargain with Jonathan Pollard, and that his guilty plea should therefore be overturned.

Pollard is serving a life sentence in solitary confinement at a federal prison in Marion, Ill. He agreed to plead guilty to one count of conspiring to give national defence information to a foreign government (Israel) in return for a lesser sentence for himself and leniency for his ill wife, Anne.

Anne Pollard has since been released, and the couple is now divorced.

Theodore Olson, a lawyer for Pollard, told the court that the government had breached its agreement by seeing to it that he received a life sentence, which is being served in exceptionally harsh conditions, and by using the terms "treason" and "traitorous" in describing him.

Olson also charged that the government had witheld information about Pollard's cooperation with the investigation, and that then-defence secretary Caspar Weinberger had interfered in the sentencing process.

A wire service report said that two of the judges hearing the appeal, Ruth Ginsburg and Stephen appeared to be skeptical about the claim that Pollard was coerced to plead guilty.

Judge Laurence Silberman, however, according to a *Washington Times* article cited by the wire service, "said he was troubled by what appeared to be collusion 'through winks and nods, almost' to ensure that Pollard would receive the maximum sentence possible."

The court is now considering the appeal.

A previous appeal, before U.S. District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson Jr., who originally pronounced sentence, was refused in September 1990.

Meanwhile, support for Pollard in Canada is growing.

Jonathan Pollard's parents, Molly and Morris, leave the courtroom where Pollard's lawyer Theodore Olson is appealing his life sentence. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Statements of support have been received by the Citizens for Justice for Pollard from Rabbi Morion Green of Adas Israel Congregation in Hamilton; Rabbi Marc Jablon of Congregation Beth Ora in Montreal; Rabbi Baruch Taub of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Toronto; Canadian Society for Yad Vashem; Rabbi Ahlon Hoch of Aish HaTorah in Toronto; The Vaad Harabbonim of Toronto; Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario; B'nai Brith Women, Mount Sinai Chapter 1091; Kehillat Shaarei Torah Congregation in Toronto; Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association; Agudath Israel Congregation of Toronto; the National Officers' Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and Prof. Irwin Cotler.

Support has also been expressed by, among others, the World Jewish Congress, Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, Agudath Israel of America, Rabbi Aaron Solovechik and Nobel laureate Elie Weisel.

Pollard himself has admitted wrongdoing. However, he and his supporters have noted that Americans convicted of spying for even enemy nations, such as John Walker, who sold naval secrets to the Soviet Union, have received far lighter sentences.

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has urged that Pollard's life sentence be reduced to time already served.

"The Centre feels that the time has come to clearly recognize that the severity of the sentence pronounced upon Jonathan does not fit the crime he committed."

New Israeli Anne Pollard joins Likud

TEL AVIV, (JTA) —

With the permission of her parole officer in New York, Anne Henderson Pollard, divorced wife of Jonathan Pollard, acquired Israeli citizenship Monday and was granted immigrant status by the Interior Ministry.

She told reporters she planned to join the Likud party.

Pollard came to Israel in August 1990 after being paroled from federal prison, where she served 40 months of a five-year sentence for aiding her ex-husband's espionage activities.

Jonathan Pollard is serving a life term at the federal prison in Marion, Ill. He was sentenced in March 1987 after confessing that he passed secret information to Israel when he was a civilian employee of the U.S. Navy analysing intelligence data.

Faced with imminent arrest, both Pollards had sought asylum at the Israeli Embassy in Washington but were not admitted.

Anne Pollard was sentenced to two five-year terms to run concurrently. She suffered from a debilitating intestinal disorder and spent most of her time in prison hospitals.

Although her physical condition apparently improved after release from prison, Pollard became involved in an angry dispute with Israeli authorities when she was confined to a psychiatric hospital at Bat Yam, near Tel Aviv — according to her, against her will.

Health Ministry officials insist she committed herself voluntarily. A Tel Aviv district psychiatric committee ordered her release.

Pollard has rented an apartment in Tel Aviv and is studying Hebrew at an ulpan. She plans to retain her U.S. citizenship.

ASHDOD WELCOMES NEW OLIM

The floodgates have opened. In recent months, many thousands of new Ethiopian and Soviet immigrants have arrived in Israel, and throughout the country, social service agencies are working feverishly to help them become assimilated and integrated into Israeli society.

Recent Arrivals at Na'amat Day Care Centre

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In the rapidly growing port city of Ashdod, where hundreds of new apartments and homes are under construction, there has been a tremendous influx of young immigrant families. 70% of the population is under 40 years of age; working parents with young children. The four existing Na'amat Day Care Centres in Ashdod are bursting at the seams and there is an urgent need for another facility.

Responding to an appeal from Secretary General Masha Lubelsky, Na'amat Canada has announced plans to build a new **Day Care Centre in Ashdod.**

The Na'amat Canada Day Care Centre will be built in a newly developed area of the city and will accomodate 125 children aged 6 months to 4 years. Most of these children will be new immigrants who need more that just a place to play while their parents are working.

The little ones will be nurtured and loved by Na'amat's professional staff. They will learn to speak Hebrew and sing Hebrew songs. They will learn about their new homeland and their Jewish heritage. While they receive a good educational head start to prepare them for the public school system, their parents will be left free to deal with the problems of adjustment and employment.

In the evenings, the facility will be used as a **Na'amat Community Centre** where new olim can take Hebrew classes and vocational courses; where they can meet for social gatherings and where they can find the help they need to assimilate into their new community.

The Na'amat Canada Day Care Centre will be part of Na'amat's network of over 350 day care centres throughout Israel. With a total enrollment of over 25,000 children, the centres provide an invaluable service to working parents from all walks of life and a multitude of communities. The professional staff provide quality care, individual attention and innovative preschool education to children of large families, single-parent and single-income families, residents of development towns, children at risk and new immigrants.

The young families now settling in Ashdod are full of hope and high expectations and have linked their future to this city and to Israel. Na'amat Canada offers them moral and financial support by building a secure haven where they know their children will receive loving care and education while they build their new lives in Israel.

Construction of the **Canada Na'amat Day Care Centre in Ashdod** will begin shortly and a fund-raising campaign has been launched across Canada to make this dream a reality... soon.

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Israel

Settlements, guarantees linked

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Although Foreign Minister David Levy denied it last week, the United States appears to be insisting on a settlement freeze as a condition for dispensing guarantees for the massive loans Israel desperately needs to provide housing and jobs for Soviet olim.

The linkage, always implicit, was reportedly articulated by Baker on his brief flight from Jerusalem to Cairo, following two days of talks with Shamir.

Baker later denied that he had "discussed either publicly or privately a settlement freeze."

Israeli observers believe the shift of attention from the loan guarantees issue to settlements will help the administration divide American Jewish support for Israel.

Until now, all major national Jewish organizations have backed Israel in its dispute with the White House over the loan guarantee delay. But some of those organizations disagree with Likud's accelerated settlement-building.

In a prepared statement from Jerusalem, the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem said:

"Given the tremendous restraint Israel displayed, at America's repeated requests, during the Iraqi Scud missile attacks on its population centres, it is strange that, whereas Egypt received an immediate cancellation of its $7 billion cash debt for its token participation on the side of the allies, Israel still awaits approval of her $10 billion request — not for cash, but in loan guarantees — from the same U.S. government.

"President Bush's avowed intention to use his veto powers to delay Congressional debate on Israel's request for the guarantees amounts to a blatant pre-Middle East Peace Conference positioning on side of the Arab states, and against Israel.

"As Christians gathered in Jerusalem at this crucial time, with a large delegation representing leading western nations including America, we are deeply concerned about the unethical introduction of this political blackmail into an exclusively humanitarian crisis of vast proportions.

"We appeal to the Senate and the House of Representatives not to let Israel, the United States' only true ally and the sole democracy in the Middle East, pay the price for Arab intransigence.

"We are ashamed that, despite 50 years of continual hostility against this young state and the present tremendous absorption burden under which Israel is literally reeling, so little has been done comparatively by our nations to alleviate her load.

"We therefore call upon our governments and Christians everywhere to do their utmost to relieve Israel's humanitarian plight, not by rewarding the Arab nations yet again for their enmity against the Jewish state by turning this into a political pressure game against the Israeli people, but by giving her, immediately, the assistance she desperately needs.

"Enough is enough."

Meanwhile, Shamir aide Ben-Aharon conceded that Israel had undertaken in the past to supply Washington with complete information about settlement-building, so that the Americans would know that U.S. grants were not being used for that purpose.

But the United States was not satisfied, he said. That was because "government budgets do not distinguish between outlays on this side of the Green Line or the other," he said, referring to the boundary between Israel and the territories.

But Israel is "hiding nothing," Ben-Aharon declared.

Another issue that has raised tension between Jerusalem and Washington is Baker's reported assurances to Syria last week that the United States supports the interpretation of UN Security Council Resolution 242 that would have Israel withdraw from conquered territories on every front, including the Golan Heights, West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel maintains its withdrawal from Sinai in 1982 fulfilled the requirements of the UN resolution.

The American position prompted Golan Heights settlement leaders to telegraph Shamir demanding that he reiterate Israel's firm commitment to keep the Golan Heights.

Even Health Minister Ehud Olmert, a Likud moderate, warned Baker that his "unnecessary step" in Damascus might force Israel to "reconsider the method in which it will take part in the peace conference."

Yitzhak Shamir

George Bush

BB appeals for solidarity on loan guarantee issue

TORONTO —

Canadian Jews across the country are being urged by B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs to contact the U.S. Ambassador to Canada urging that loan guarantees be granted to Israel.

B'nai Brith is appealing to its network of lodges across the country and other Jewish organizations to come forward at this time to demonstrate solidarity with the State of Israel by sending telegrams and letters to His Excellency Ambassador Edward N. Ney expressing their support for these humanitarian loans.

"Canadian Jewry and for that matter, world Jewry, must not sit passively on the sidelines on this critical international issue, stated Frank Dimant, executive vice-president.

"Israel desperately needs this humanitarian aid which must not be held back for political considerations. The conscience of the world must be aroused so that those fleeing from the Soviet Union can be appropriately absorbed and accommodated in Israel."

For further information please contact: Frank Dimant at (416) 633-6224.

Project supports Israeli day care

TEL AVIV —

The overwhelming influx of Jewish refugees from Europe, South Africa, Asia and Africa is creating a desperate space shortage in Na'amat day care centres in Israel.

"We cannot desert our young Sabra families, forcing them to leave their pre-school children alone while they are at work. That way lies disaster!" explained Aviva Brodstien, Na'amat secretary for settlement.

"On the other hand, the need of the new arrivals — so confused, so helpless — can't be ignored. We must set up additional day care space for thousands of pre-schoolers. That's why we are so grateful to the Israel Bonds Organization in Canada for setting up a special project to help us."

The special project referred to by Brodstien is the Double Mitzvah program developed as a co-operative effort between Na'amat Canada and Operation Aliyah.

By this new arrangement, Bond purchasers can use their Bonds to become "spiritual mishpocha" to new olim families.

The Spiritual Mishpocha project provides a method whereby Canadians can "adopt" newly-arrived families in Israel. Funds sent to Na'amat for the "adopted" newcomers ensure that day care spaces can be created for the family's pre-school children and that many of their other social adjustment needs can be looked after.

The Israel Bonds Organization has made arrangements so that Bonds purchased during High Holy Day appeals can be used to "adopt" new olim. Bonds should be purchased in the name of Na'amat, but, in the case of those already issued, the Bond organization will transfer them to Na'amat on request.

By this method, Bond dollars remain in the hands of the government of Israel, to be used for airlift costs, the creation of jobs, training and housing. The Bonds themselves become collateral to guarantee Na'amat's work with the immigrants — to provide vocational training, day care, community centre programming, Hebrew language supplement classes and much more.

"In this way, every dollar that you ear-mark for Israel does the work of two," said Louise Cornblum, Na'amat Canada Capital Campaigns chairperson. "Israel's present financial needs are so intimidating, so overwhelming, that this method of doubling our financial clout seems heaven-sent.

"We hope that there are many people who will want to become 'spiritual mishpocha' to newcomers, especially now that Israel Bonds have made it so much easier. And, of course, you can contribute to our Spiritual Mishpocha Campaign in smaller amounts in any amount. Donations don't have to be in Israel Bonds!"

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Front Line

Bush's "pressure" on Israel appears confusing

ANALYSIS

By
RUTH WISSE

I fail to understand why the President of the United States and his Secretary of State should want to bring "pressure to bear" on Israel. Whether this concerns a peace conference, the settlement of Russian and Ethiopian refugees or anything else. I don't understand why the world's strongest democracy should bring even a hair's weight of pressure to bear on its staunchest ally instead of supporting Israel's goals and dreams.

Doesn't the United States of America want for Israel exactly what the country wants for itself — the unconditional acceptance that has been denied it by surrounding Arab countries for almost half a century? Doesn't President George Bush believe that the end of belligerence is a precondition for peace, that rejectionist Arab countries must first terminate the anti-Israel boycott, withdraw the Zionist-Racist resolution from the United Nations, and formally declare their intentions of making peace, before they can expect their perennial target to come trustingly to the table for negotiations?

Pressure on the victim for the belligerence directed against it violates every concept of morality and fairness. As plaintiff in the international court, Israel should be coming to peace negotiations with a list of demands as long as the 43 years of unprovoked aggression against it.

The Arabs must take responsibility, above all, for the ideology of hatred against the Jewish people that they unleashed through the United Nations. Unless the repeal of the Zionist-Racist equation is accompanied by a corrective information campaign about Israel and the Jewish people — funded as munificently as was their propaganda of Jew-hatred — the Arabs will never be absolved of the moral and political responsibility they bear for anti-Semitism wherever they have rekindled it.

Ruth R. Wisse

One would have expected the leadership of the United States to demand an immediate halt to Arab hate propaganda as the minimal indication of support for Israel and the Jews.

During this past year, the Scud missile attacks on Israeli civilian centres (that could have been gas attacks) and the cheers of Palestinian Arabs as Jewish population centres were being bombed (with what could have been gas), brought home to Americans the reality of the Arab threat to Israel.

With this new proof of such murderous intentions against Israel, the United States should have taken full advantage of its success in the Gulf War to pressure the Arabs into making peace with Israel at last. Why didn't the President and his Secretary of State seize the political advantage to demand this belated "connection" to a democratic ally?

Having done the bidding of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to perfection, the United States was in solid position to bargain with the sheikdoms that owed them so much. Autocracies have this dubious advantage: their policies can be set or altered by a single individual. Why, then, did the United States fail to apply pressure on these two Arab countries to accept their democratic neighbor?

There are two possible explanations for the failure of the United States to guarantee the unconditional acceptance of Israel on the part of at least some of the Arab countries as a precondition for any further negotiations: either it could not, or else it would not. If it could not, then Israel has nothing to expect from the negotiations themselves.

If the Arab countries have not accepted the presence of Israel within a pluralistic Middle East, are not prepared to place it on their maps, engage it in diplomatic relations, and welcome an economic partnership in place of the economic boycott, then any concessions Israel might be pressured into making, no matter how slight, would further weaken its ability to withstand the Arab war against it.

One cannot benevolently persuade Israel to trust a peace conference without arguing that the Arabs are trustworthy partners in peace. And one cannot argue that the Arabs are trustworthy partners in peace unless they first call an end to their war. If the United States finds the Arabs still resistent to peace with Israel, it should be warning Israel against attending a conference where it can only be weakened and harmed.

The second possibility is grimmer than the first. It is conceivable that the present leadership of the United States does not, in fact, admire the grit of Israeli democracy, or recognize the full justice of Israel's cause. Possibly, President Bush and Secretary of State Baker prefer the short-term economic benefits to America of ties with Arab magnates to the long-term project of strengthening democracy in the Middle East.

Perhaps, applying the meanest standards of self-interest, they don't much worry about the security of Israel now that the Soviet Union has lost its power in the region. They may even be prepared to seek favors with Arab rulers at the expense of Israel's interests.

In either case, the behavior of the U.S. administration does not encourage any trust in a just peace process. When the United States wavers in its political support, even fractionally, then Israel has nothing to hope for from either its friends or its enemies.

OPINION

Israel has right to expect major concessions from Arabs

By
RABBI MARVIN HIER

Come October, the most important peace sweepstakes in the Middle East will probably take off right from Washington; the players are now just about all lined up at the gate. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir did the right thing by accepting Secretary of State James A. Baker's proposal. It is the only thing Shamir could have done: Sign on to avoid being labeled an obstructionist to a historic accomplishment — perhaps the most important development in 45 years.

The question, of course, is what Israel is going to negotiate. The Shamir government has said that it will not cede land for peace. Further, there is a consensus by all of the major political parties in Israel that the status of Jerusalem, now the united capital of Israel, is not a subject for negotiations.

The same holds true, perhaps with a little less emotion, for the Golan Heights. So what does Israel tell the Arab countries that are suddenly expecting to recover land that they lost in wars that they began?

Israel should borrow a chapter from the tactics of President George Bush and Britain's Prime Minister John Major in their negotiations with the Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

The Israelis should remind the Arabs, who waged war on their small state four times, that it took nine years for the superpowers, who were not even combatants, to negotiate the START treaty. But the United States and its allies want more than just a signed treaty from the Soviet Union; they are asking for dramatic changes and are prepared to risk the complete collapse of the Soviet system, even the outbreak of civil war, in order to achieve it.

Israel, which is putting its very existence on the line, should settle for nothing less than similarly dramatic changes from its Arab neighbors.

The Syrians have used the Golan Heights as a staging area to hurl rockets on civilians living in the villages below. They cannot expect Israel to naively accept their declaration of peaceful intentions.

If they want more than peace for peace, then Israel has a right to expect more from them: a new Syria, one based on free elections, free press, opposition parties, the abandonment of the policy of supporting terrorists and the dismantling of their police-state apparatus.

When that happens, Israel's representative to the peace conference could then offer to talk further about reaching a compromise on the Golan Heights.

The same message should be delivered to the Palestinians, to Jordan's King Hussein, and to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. Israel should remind them that the forces of democracy are sweeping the globe, showing great promise everywhere except in the Arab world.

The Arab's adherence to theocratic and dictatorial regimes lends little credibility to their demands for an exchange of land for peace. After all, if the President of the United States was not willing to accept the word of Mikhail Gorbachev, who over the past five years had garnered for himself enormous international credibility and revolutionized the world order, why should the state of Israel be expected to accept the word, written or otherwise, of Yasser Arafat and King Hussein, whose lips have barely dried from their embrace of Saddam Hussein and his vision of peace in the Middle East?

Israel should do what Bush and Major did. They did not blink when they had to tell Gorbachev, "You get the aid when we see you change, and if it takes you 25 years to change, then that's how long it's going to take us to respond."

That is precisely what Shamir should tell the Arabs. They may not like what they hear. But that's too bad. There is a penalty for starting wars. It is called justifiable distrust and disbelief.

Shamir should make it clear that Israel is prepared to compromise, but only with an Arab world that makes the kind of fundamental changes that are now taking place everywhere else: exchanging their feudal states for societies based on democratic principles and values, and signing on to be a part of what George Bush calls the "new world order."

When that happens, the Arab states will discover a willing partner in Israel. In the meantime, what an Israeli prime minister could offer is complete autonomy for the Palestinians and peace for peace for the Arab states.

(Rabbi Marvin Hier is dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre.)

Professor uses "double standard" in racist teaching

COMMENTARY

By
SAMUEL RABINOVE

• Racism, unfortunately, is still very much alive and well in this country, white racism and black racism too. One does not have to be white to be a racist; white people have no monopoly on cruelty or stupidity.

• Should a white racist teacher be allowed to teach white racism, i.e., black people are morally and intellectually inferior to whites, in a public university?

• If the answer is "no," should a black racist teacher, the mirror image of the white racist, be allowed to teach black racism?

• Prof. Leonard Jeffries, Jr., who chairs the African American Studies Department at City College of New York, believes that white people (whom he calls "ice" people) are morally and intellectually inferior to black people (whom he calls "sun" people). Plainly, he is a black racist, the mirror image of the white racist. What they have in common is that they both despise Jews.

• What if the Hollywood movie producers had *not* been mostly Jewish? Would their films have been any less racist? Hollywood, regrettably, in past years, reflected the racism pervasive in the larger society. What did their being Jewish have to do with it? Nothing whatever, no more than the fact that Darryl F. Zanuck, also a powerful Hollywood producer, happened to be Methodist.

• Jeffries clearly has focused on the worst about Jews, evidently finding nothing praiseworthy to say about Jews. He speaks of people with names "like Greenberg and Weisberg," who conspired to destroy black people, apparently oblivious that a Jew named Jack Greenberg, one of America's foremost civil rights lawyers, headed the NAACP Legal Defence Fund for so many years.

Nor does he mention names like Schwerner and Goodman, Jewish young men who were killed in the effort to liberate black people. Or Spingarn, who was instrumental in founding the NAACP. Jews, in disproportionate numbers, have fought for civil rights for blacks. Yet Jeffries speaks of ". . . the attack coming from the Jewish community, unrelenting." All in all, the views expressed by Jeffries are a distortion amounting to falsification, a diatribe against Jews.

• What Jeffries does *not* say is at least as important as what he does say, e.g., the slave trade could never have flourished without the active co-operation of African kings and chiefs.

• In his romanticizing of the African black historical experience, Jeffries makes no mention of the atrocities committed by African black tribes against other African black tribes, long before any whites ever arrived. Nor does he speak of the brutality, repression and corruption which tragically characterize the governments of many, if not most of the African black nations today. In other words, Jeffries is a "double standard" teacher, based on race.

• What is especially appalling about the Jeffries affair is the silence of so many responsible leaders of the black community who know better than to be taken in by him but, for whatever reasons, have not seen fit to speak out against his bigotry.

• Jewish leaders generally denounce and repudiate Jewish racists — it is high time more black leaders learn to do the same for black racists.

• It is also sad that almost anyone who can attract an audience can become an instant media celebrity by making outrageous charges against people of another group.

• On another related matter, would the rage of some black people, spurred by "leaders" such as Sharpton, Carson and Mason, be the same if the little Cato boy had been killed in a crossfire between rival black drug dealers? In 1991, 29 children in Brooklyn alone, most of them black, have been slain in such brutal encounters. When have the "leaders" ever demonstrated to protest those murders?

• Circling the wagons around our own scoundrels, whether we are Jewish or black or any other group, is very bad social policy.

(Samuel Robinove is the legal director of The American Jewish Committee in New York).

Correction

In Arnold Ages' column entitled Torah Commentaries Thriving In The Jewish Press (CJN, Sept. 19) there was a typographical error. The article should have read:

"The *health* of the genre is so robust indeed that it is now reflected in Jewish journalism. Many of the English-language Jewish newspapers now feature Torah commentaries. . ."

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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L'affaire Richler

For all of us struggling with the grave question of forging a national identity in a bilingual, multicultural country, *l'affaire Richler* is a cautionary tale.

The 32-page article by Mordechai Richler, a native Montrealer and one of the few Canadian authors with a worldwide reputation, in the Sept. 23 issue of the *New Yorker* mercilessly exposes some of the sillier aspects of Quebec's language laws and their quite serious effect on the province's anglophone minorities — which are not a homogeneous group, but include descendants of the 19th-century "British" establishment, immigrants whose mother tongue is neither French nor English, and the anglophone Jewish community.

The reaction has ranged from a near-yawn on the part of Montreal's major English-language daily, *The Gazette*, in an editorial entitled *Our boring tribal troubles*, to charges of racism against Richler from the respected editor of *Le Devoir*, Lise Bissonnette. The anglophone reaction is far from monolithic: both the former president of the anglophone rights group Alliance Quebec, Royal Orr, and Jean Dorion, president of the Quebec nationalist Society St-Jean Baptiste, made statements that Richler neither likes nor understands modern-day Quebec.

But what has most distressed the Quebec Jewish community is the four pages of the article in which Richler reviews the history of anti-Semitism in Quebec and alleges that it still flourishes. There is a real danger that because of Richler's strong Jewish identity, the very real issues he raises — the impact of Quebec nationalism on Quebec's future and on its minorities — will be reduced to a question of whether the Quebecois are anti-Semitic, or perhaps more accurately, more anti-Semitic than other Canadians.

That is a fruitless debate. Anti-Semitism exists across Canada, more blatantly at some times and in some places than in others — just ask the parents whose children have been taught by two Holocaust-deniers, one in New Brunswick and one in Alberta. The issue of anti-Semitism is not what is at the core of Richler's article, nor at the core of the Canadian issue to which it is responding. His cri de coeur may draw on his experience as a Jew, but it is the cri de coeur of a member of a minority — any minority — caught up in and clashing with a burgeoning nationalist consciousness.

In this context, the anguish and anger of the response of Quebec nationalists to his article is understandable. They see it as an attack on the defences they have built around that which they hold very dear: language, culture, religion. And in the same context, the reaction of Jews of both languages to Quebec nationalism is also understandable. Nationalism has historically been bad for Jews, since by those very same touchstones, we too maintain our distinct identity within the societies in which we live.

Richler's article has exposed a crucial issue for Quebec and for all of Canada: how do we enable those who are, and who want to remain different from the defined "mainstream" of the day to participate fully within the majority society?

Canada's proudest boast has been that we are a truly multicultural country, drawing our strength from the richness of our diverse peoples. The fragility of that boast has been exposed by the agonizing constitutional debate that threatens the very existence of our nation.

The lesson to be drawn from this affair is that *no* minority can tolerate imposed assimilation or repression, whether they be Jewish, anglophone, native, francophone or any other religious, racial or cultural community. To narrow the debate to Quebecois versus Jew does a disservice to both, and to all Canadians.

Quebec nationalists should not damn the messenger, but listen to the message; and the rest of Canada should learn from this affair that tolerance for minorities is not a catchy slogan — but a necessity for our survival.

TO THE EDITOR:

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

JEWS IN KITCHENER-WATERLOO

I was struck by your article, Jews Leaving Small Communities In Effort to Maintain Traditions (Aug. 8).

While it may well be that many smaller communities are struggling, this is not always the case. On the very same page as your somewhat pessimistic article, there was an article about the dedication of the first Jewish Day School in Kitchener-Waterloo! This school, occupying premises in the Orthodox shul, provides excellent courses in Jewish studies: Hebrew (immersion), Torah, davening, tradition, Yiddishkeit as well as an enriched course of secular studies, including French.

In this, the school's second year, it has expanded from four grades (JK, K, 1, 2) to seven (adding 3, 4, 5) and has doubled its enrolment.

Kitchener-Waterloo may well be the smallest Jewish community to support such an excellent Jewish day school. All residents of this vibrant Jewish community can take deserved pride in the school.

By the way, the school is still accepting enrolments for this year, tuition subsidies are available — and the housing *IS* cheaper here!

Simon Adler
Waterloo

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NO YIDDISH ON MEMORIAL

Thousands of people attended the unveiling of the monument in Earl Bales Park, Toronto, on June 2 in memory of the six million Jewish victims of the Nazis.

The monument is very impressive, the ceremony was very moving and well organized, with excellent speakers.

The names of donors and dignitaries were listed on panels.

Around a beautiful garden were names of various concentration camps, gas chambers and crematoriums, where millions of our people were annihilated.

I, along with thousands of Toronto Jews, protest that there was not one word of Yiddish.

It is true that English is foremost here, but it would be nice to have a few words in Yiddish.

In the final analysis, before death, the victims cried out in Yiddish: "Never Forgive, Never Forget."

The monument committee should consider this protest and correct it. Yiddish words should be inscribed somewhere on the monument.

Albert Bainerman
Toronto

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GERMAN CONSUL REPLIES

In his letter (CJN, Aug. 22) Prof. Rose refers to his book which I do not know. Besides that, he is only expressing opinions but not giving any facts.

He, for instance, believes that neither Lessing nor Wilhelm von Humboldt or Christian Dohm were "pro-Jewish." It is useless to argue about beliefs, whereas the facts are that Lessing not only wrote Nathan der Weise but was also the co-editor and close collaborator of the famous Moses Mendelssohn and that Wilhelm von Humboldt and Christoph Dohm were actively engaging themselves for Jewish emancipation; that the latter did this only for the political interest of the Prussian state is again just a belief of Rose for which he does not offer any proof. But even if he were right would it not be a positive attitude to consider the emancipation of the Jews a benefit to the nation?

I agree with Rose that it is useless to divide persons of that period into "pro-" and "anti-Jewish" people. What concerns us here is the evil of "anti-Semitism," not the question whether there was a "pro-Jewish" sentiment in the cultural élite of Germany at the beginning of the 19th century.

In addition to the endeavors I made in my previous letter to prove that the German cultural scene at the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th century was not impregnated with anti-Semitism, I would like to refer to Germany's most famous poet, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

Dr. Henning L von Hassell

He received the young Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy in the year 1830 amd spent several days in his company: "Goethe prevailed upon him to play almost constantly, he sat for a portrait commissioned by Goethe, and at parting, received a gift from the poet of a sheet of the manuscript of Faust, inscribed in memory of 'happy May days'." (Excerpts from a concert program from the Toronto Symphony of June, 1991.)

Finally permit me to mention Eduard von Simson who was elected president of the Revolutionary German National Assembly in Frankfurt/Main 1848. This Assembly was composed of many of the most important German intellectuals of that time. Can one imagine that the deputies chose a Jew as their president if there had been a deep-rooted anti-Semitism?

How respected Eduard von Simson was is proved by the fact that after the foundation of the German Empire in 1871 he was elected again and this time as president of the German Federal Parliament, the Reichstag. Several years later Eduard von Simson was appointed president of Germany's Supreme Court, the Reichsgericht.

As much as I despise anti-Semitism and as much as I am ashamed that the Holocaust was planned and executed by Germans and on orders of the German government of that time, I cannot accept Rose's pretension that German culture as such was impregnated with anti-Semitism since the end of the 18th century.

Unfortunately enough, there was anti-Semitism in certain circles as in other countries too. But there is no visible and convincing connection between Germany's cultural scene of the above-mentioned period and the Holocaust.

Dr. Henning L von Hassell
Consul-General, Germany
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CALLING ALL HERZBERGS

Speaking for myself and several other Herzberg descendants in Canada, I thank you for your coverage (CJN, August 29) of the reunion of Herzberg cousins that took place last month in Montreal.

The reunion produced news of several score cousins that had not been recorded up till now, particularly of three that your readers might have encountered: Gussie (Mrs. Morris) Stein, Max Suponitsky, and Louis Herzberg. All three lived in Quebec City until they moved to Montreal around 1930.

I would be grateful to any reader who can put me in touch with their descendants, or anyone else of the Herzberg and Josephson lines not yet included in the family network.

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NEED YIDDISH AT CHAT

I am 15 years old and writing in response to the "Yiddish Vinkl." I anxiously wait for my CJN to arrive so that I may read the Yiddish column. Being a graduate of Bialik Hebrew Day school and presently enrolled at CHAT, I have to admit that I don't get enough of a chance to read Yiddish and running that column gives me an opportunity to keep up with my Yiddish language skills.

In reference to Brina Rose's column I very much agree with her that it is a shame that Yiddish is not taught at CHAT, but for like-minded young adults like me, who value the rich heritage of Yiddish, North York Board of Education has provided Sunday morning Yiddish classes for us, with the opportunity to obtain a provincial ministry approved high school credit in Yiddish.

Of course, it is *NOT* the ideal way to study Yiddish, especially for those of us who are attending a full time Jewish Day School. It should certainly be part of our Judaic studies program, but it is a start to continue the legacy of learning the rich colorful language of Yiddish.

Marc A. Kates
Toronto

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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COHEN

I have often been asked whether a person surnamed Cohen is necessarily a descendant of the priestly tribe of Aaron.

The answer is "no," as many people assumed a surname other than their own especially to evade military service (where members of the clergy were exempt from service).

The name has many variations:

Cohan, Kohn, Cahan, Cohani Chohansky, Kagan, Kaganov, Kaganovitch, Bar-Cohen, Barkin.

KAPLAN is a translation from the German and Polish for clergyman.

Opinion

"Never to forget, never to forgive," even on holidays?

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My highly esteemed and beloved readers: To all of you I offer my apologies for presenting you, during this holiday week, with a rather less than cheerful column. But the current Jewish press — in Yiddish, English and Anglo-Yiddish — has, quite properly, reported on some very recent events in Eastern Europe that disturb my mind.

As is generally known, the map of that once heartland of European Jewry has recently gone through a radical transformation.

In the Baltic, as in other East Europe an countries, new nation-states have been resurrected. Some of those reborn independent states, like Poland, Ukrainia and Lithuania, had centuries-old and culturally-rich Jewish communities.

As we all know, to our sorrows, the Hitlerite plague destroyed six million, one third, of our people and turned renowned Jewish cultural centres into heart-wrenching wastelands.

As a result of the re-shaping of Eastern Europe, Poland, the Ukraine and now the Baltic countries have regained their national independence. And, with the exception of the Ukraine, most other East-European and Baltic states have only tiny Jewish remnants still left.

J.B. Salsberg

Now the Jewish tragedy in Eastern Europe has surfaced again, as a result of a visit to the Jewish community in the Ukraine by Edgar Bronfman, president of World Jewish Congress, and Elie Wiesel, Nobel Prize winner.

As reported in the Toronto *Globe and Mail* of Sept. 13th, Weisel challenged the president of the Ukraine, Leonid Kravchuk, "to explain why 50 years ago Ukrainians stood by as tens of thousands of Jews were sent to a Nazi killing ground called Babi Yar."

In fairness, it must be acknowledged that the present heads of the government of the Ukraine were not involved in the tragic Babi Yar mass killings of "an estimated 200,000 people, most of them Jews." But neither did it deal with that massive crime politically.

What I should also add, in praise of the World Jewish Congress, is that Bronfman and Wiesel visited Kiev for 48 hours to attend the Babi Yar remembrance services. The massacre began on the 29th of September, 1941.

As if the painful recollection of that national Jewish tragedy were not enough, the Anglo-Yiddish weekly, *Der Algemeiner Journal* of New York, reported in its Sept. 13th issue on the pardons being given to Nazi war criminals by "newly-independent" Lithuania. The shocking story, written by Basha Majerczyk, should be read by all thoughtful Jews.

The author explains that in seeking to assert its independence from the Soviet regime the new rulers of Lithuania are "issuing certificates of exoneration for those convicted of Nazi crimes in Russian courts."

These certificates indicate that those "rehabilitated" are considered innocent by the Lithuanian government and are eligible for "compensation for wrongful imprisonment." Included among those receiving the certificates are "confessed mass murderers responsible for the liquidation of the Warsaw ghetto and death camp operators."

A furore has been raised by Jewish groups round the world. Responding to protests, the Lithuanian government has now proposed "to work closely with Israel to ensure that criminals who participated in the massacre of Lithuania's 200,000 Jews during the Second World War not be rehabilitated."

Reading all this, how can one feel but sad and depressed?

Gevalt!

Took almost a year

Ottawa was slow to recognize new Israeli state

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Recently the media featured the fact that Prime Minister Brian Mulroney recognized the independence of the Baltic States ahead of the United States and other nations. This recognition stands in contrast to the slow acknowledgement which the new State of Israel received in 1948. Then, Canada took its sweet time to recognize the legal existence of the Jewish State, and it is fascinating to read an editorial in the *Toronto Globe and Mail* written on August 18, 1948, three months after Israel had proclaimed its independence. Here are some excerpts.

Rabbi Plaut

"Israel came into the world fighting and with no certain prospect of survival. The Arab states had proclaimed a holy war against it. It looked possible that the Jews hemmed in by enemies might have to bow to superior numbers. That was one reasonable excuse for not recording immediate recognition.

"Today there is not much doubt that the Jews have won their war, at least temporarily. Though sporadic fighting goes on it looks as if the Israeli Government is securely in charge of the situation . . . Israel is asking for membership in the United Nations. Its application will be supported by the United States at the meeting of the U.N. General Assembly in Paris next Monday.

"The future of Israel may well be precarious. It is a tiny state smaller than many Ontario counties — its population of fewer than one million forms a small Jewish island in a great sea of Arabs . . . Israel unquestionably established itself. Considering that military fact, the state was handed its birth certificate by the United Nations. The reluctance of Canada's Government to accord recognition is hard to understand. In Ottawa the official though subrosa explanation is said to be that the United States wishes it that way, regarding Canada as a bridge between itself and Britain which had also delayed its recognition. But this is an incomprehensible excuse. Canada could fill this role as an intermediary, if that is indeed our role, quite as well if Israel were recognized at Ottawa."

The editorial then went on to say that the government of Canada would have to declare itself at the forthcoming meeting of the U.N. and it ended its opinion as follows:

"A vote against admission would amount to a repudiation of last year's verdict for partition at New York which Canada supported. It is time the Canadian Government made up its mind to accept the obvious fact of the situation and to act accordingly."

If you will recall your history, the United States had recognized the Jewish State one hour after its founding, on May 15, and the Soviet Union had followed suit as did 13 other nations. Britain and the Commonwealth temporized. Only South Africa, which followed the American lead, recognized Israel.

A good deal of lobbying by the Zionist Public Affairs Committee, headed by Mr. (later, Justice) Harry Batshaw, and the Canada-Israel Association, guided by Mr. Herbert Mowat, urged Canada to do the same. But Canada's de facto recognition was not accorded the Jewish state until Dec. 24, and de jure recognition was given finally on May 11, 1949, about a year after Israel's founding.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Yep kids, it's that time of the year again. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir talks to new first grade pupils at Jerusalem's 'Bet' State School. [IPPA photo]

Fought passionately for new beliefs

Former JTS chancellor Cohen was one of the greats

By
ELAINE KAHN

We spend a lot of time during these holidays thinking about the community or communities we are part of. Nothing seems sadder than a person who doesn't have one.

Late last month, I was driving down Bathurst Street to a bar mitzvah. I hadn't been on Toronto's main Jewish drag on Shabbat in years and my first reaction to the number and variety of Jews I saw, even the one "black hat," was that it was great. Then I remembered how much trouble we all have getting along.

It's also been years since I've gone for a service, other than a wedding, at any shul but my husband's in Richmond Hill. It, like the majority of Conservative synagogues in North America, is egalitarian. Men and women participate equally in the sanctuary — this is, by now, what I am used to.

(Remember that Conservative Judaism decided to ordain women in 1983, to count them in the minyan in 1973 and has, since 1955, allowed them to have aliyot).

I wasn't sure even how to dress for the non-egalitarian Conservative shul I was headed for — at "home," I wear kippah and tallit.

The rabbi gave a good sermon about community and about treating each other well. His shul, he pointed out, was well-known for being "menschy," with people treating each other with dignity.

I know he meant every word sincerely, so I guess all the women in the congregation, from bat mitzvah girls onward, actually do consider it dignified to be treated like ornaments in the sanctuary. But I sat there squirming.

Elaine Kahn

What made it harder was that I also knew my husband was using, as his sermon topic, the life and, unfortunately, the recent death of renowned historian Rabbi Gerson Cohen, z"l, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) from 1972 to 1986, and the man who brought women into the Conservative rabbinate. The irony stung hard.

I think your average Jew today is not only unfamiliar with the Jewish past, but does not recognize most of the important names of our Jewish present — and I'm quite sure I would be like that too, had I not ended up married to a rabbi. Although brought up as a Conservative Jew, I had never heard of JTS, the only place in North America where one can study to become a Conservative rabbi, before a rabbi friend talked my husband into deciding to study there. Certainly I knew none of the names of its scholars.

(Although most Toronto Jews, according to a recent federation study, identify as Conservative, I'm sure it's because they know they aren't Orthodox, but don't want to commit to Reform, which, they often say, is too much like church — given your average Jew's lack of familiarity with churches, this has always struck me as bizarre reasoning).

My husband had majored in Jewish history as an undergraduate — the idea of studying in a place headed by Gerson Cohen meant something powerful to him. Soon after moving to New York, I learned that Dr. Cohen was firmly on the side of those opposing the ordination of women as Conservative rabbis — this meant more to me than his scholarship and, sight unseen, I disliked him.

As it turned out, he lived in our neighborhood in New York, as did several other JTS faculty, administrators and students. Most of us davened at the neighborhood Conservative shul. (The others went to various Orthodox shuls, willing, as some Conservative clergy and teachers are, to make a living from Conservative Judaism while not supporting its institutions in return.)

Our first year there, we were taken along after shul to a Simchat Torah party hosted by a JTS administration bigwig. I didn't know the names that night, but I knew enough to be in awe and was quite nervous.

At one point, I found myself speaking with Naomi Cohen, the chancellor's wife and a respected historian in her own right. She said she was surprised to learn so many students lived in the area — I said something about it being nice to get together. Once that year and once the next, the Cohens invited all us students to their place for Shabbat lunch. These were not comfortable experiences, but they were impossible to forget.

And it was during those lunches that those of us who listened closely came to realize that Chancellor Cohen had changed his mind and decided women could, and indeed should, become Conservative rabbis, though it was something he waited awhile longer to make public. He then fought for his new belief as passionately and articulately as he had once fought against it.

Gerson Cohen was not a handsome man, his Brooklyn accent was grating, he was abrasive and self-assured to the point of arrogance. But I, ever a sucker for the charisma of overpowering intellect and endless intellectual curiosity, came to care for him very much.

At one of those Shabbat lunches, Dr. Cohen, already a fan of Robertson Davies, asked me to get him a basic Canadian literature library of 10 books. "To use for airport reading," he said (hey, it's better than nothing — during our years in New York he was the only person to show the slightest interest in anything Canadian).

I can't say a friendship grew out of this, but there was a relationship of some sort and we corresponded for several years after I left New York. Unfortunately, he soon became ill with the neurological disease that eventually killed him — at the Rabbinical Assembly convention two years ago, he no longer recognized me.

Last month, Gerson Cohen died. I learned of it 10 days later in an offhand comment from a friend who assumed I already knew. She was right to make that assumption — phone calls should have been made to let the Conservative community know. He was, after all, one of its great men.

But those calls weren't made. Because, in Toronto at least, there is no such community.

Features

Israeli settlements at core of dispute

Loan guarantees trigger tension

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The current friction between Israel and the United States over the question of $10 billion worth of U.S. loan guarantees for Soviet immigrant absorption has been brewing for months.

Although Israel and the United States share many strategic concerns, they part ways with regard to Jewish settlements in the territories. In asking Israel to delay its request for assistance until next January, President George Bush did not mention the settlements. Yet Israel's settlement policy is at the heart of the present dispute, one of the most serious in the annals of U.S.-Israel relations.

The Likud government, headed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, considers settlements absolutely essential to its claim to the West Bank. To Shamir, his allies and supporters in the country, Israel must retain the West Bank for security, ideological and religious reasons. Although the opposition Labor party started Israel's settlement policy, the Likud greatly expanded it. Today, more than 100,000 Jews live in Judea and Samaria, home to about 850,000 Palestinian Arabs. In conformity with Likud's consistent position, Shamir is unprepared to cede the West Bank in return for a peace agreement with the Arabs.

By contrast, the United States regards the settlements as not only illegal under international law, but as an impediment in the successful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Simply put, Washington is committed to the land-for-peace formula, which is enshrined in United Nations resolution 242, promulgated shortly after the Six Day War. Shamir claims that Israel fulfilled its obligations to resolution 242 by withdrawing from the Sinai Peninsula. But the United States, as well as the world community, maintains that resolution 242 also applies to the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights.

Bush feels so strongly about Israeli settlements that he has linked the loan guarantees to the pending U.S. and Soviet-sponsored Middle East peace conference, scheduled to start later this year if procedural questions on Palestinian representation are hammered out to Israel's satisfaction. Bush argues that loan guarantees will enable Israel to free up funds and channel them into the territories, thereby undermining the peace process and subverting U.S. policy.

Shamir, who claims the aid would be strictly for humanitarian purposes, is angered by the connection Bush has drawn between the conference and loan guarantees.

Last February, when the U.S. granted Israel $400 million in loan guarantees for Soviet resettlement programs, the Bush administration said that Israel had assured it the money would not be used to build housing in the territories, including East Jerusalem. Later, however, Israel denied it had given such assurances.

Since then, Israel and the United States have engaged in an increasingly acrimonious dispute over the issue of settlements:

•In March, Bush advised Israel to refrain from building new neighborhoods in eastern Jerusalem, which Israel formally annexed in the aftermath of the Six Day War. "The final status of Jerusalem should be handled in a negotiated manner..." he said.

•In April, the United States warned Israel that the $10 billion loan guarantees would be be in jeopardy if settlements were enlarged.

In response to these warnings, Housing Minister Ariel Sharon announced he would build 13,000 new dwellings on the West Bank over the next two years. And whenever U.S. Secretary of State James Baker visited Israel in his bid to arrange direct Arab-Israeli peace talks, new settlements would usually spring up, enraging Bush.

The looming confrontation pitting Israel against the United States grew more intense in May when the American ambassador in Tel Aviv, William Brown, criticized Israel's settlement policy and warned that U.S. aid for Soviet immigrants could not be guaranteed.

Later that month, Baker complained that nothing had more complicated his efforts to convene a Middle East peace conference than Israeli settlements. Bush backed him to the hilt.

At least as far as Zalman Shoval — Israel's ambassador in Washington — was concerned, Washington's insistent message got through. On June 22, Shoval — a political appointee well known in Likud circles — declared that Israel had to choose between building more housing in the territories or receiving further U.S. aid for integrating Soviet Jews.

Shoval's warning has had no discernible effect in Jerusalem. Shamir continues to hew to the view that there is no correlation between settlements and peace, while Sharon says that Israel should not be deterred by U.S. threats. Latterly, Foreign Minister David Levy has said that, if necessary, Israelis can do without U.S. aid, and, if need be, can subsist on "bread and salt."

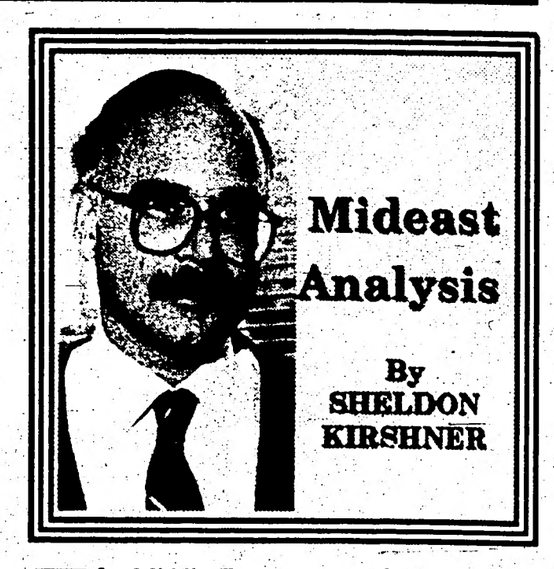
In support of its campaign to obtain U.S. loan guarantees now, the Likud government claims the funds would be spent within the Green Line, or Israel's pre-1967 frontiers. But this is disputed by some Israeli parliamentarians, notably Haim Ramon, the Labor party's Knesset faction chairman. He contends that the government intends to use the loan guarantees to build 20,000 housing units in the territories. "For this it is ready to endanger (Soviet) aliyah absorption and to risk a rift with the U.S.," he said.

As of now, Israel's disagreement with the United States remains unsolved. Last week, Baker left Israel after two days of talks, having failed to convince Shamir to postpone Israel's request for loan guarantees until after a Middle East peace conference gets underway.

If the controversy is not defused soon, Israel's relationship with the United States, its chief patron and protector, will surely be damaged.

It's clear that Shamir is in a bind. If he does not back down, Bush will probably make good on his threat to veto the $10 billion package, with all its consequences. But if Shamir succumbs to American pressure, his standing among his supporters will plummet sharply.

U.S. President George Bush (right) opposes loan guarantees to Israel for the time being. On the left is Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens.



Mideast Analysis

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

If a Middle East peace conference is convened later this year, Syria will be one of the participants. Syria's decision to take part in the forum, co-sponsored by the United States and the Soviet Union, is of momentous importance because Syria has heretofore opposed direct talks with Israel and has been something of a spoiler of past Mideast peace processes.

Syria has a well-earned reputation for anti-Israel militancy. As the cradle of modern Arab nationalism, Syria has always been in the forefront of vilifying Zionism and Israel. Syria has been at war with Israel on four separate occasions. When Egypt — the chief pillar of Arab politics — moved toward a rapprochement with Israel, Syria took the lead in rallying the Arab world against Anwar Sadat's conciliatory policy. Particularly in the 1970s and 1980s, Syria gave aid and comfort to radical Palestinians. In 1986, a Syrian surrogate tried to plant a bomb aboard an El Al civilian airliner in London. When PLO chairman Yasser Arafat succumbed to pressure and recognized Israel's existence in 1988, Syria excoriated him.

And yet Syria, under the wily leadership of President Hafez Assad for the past 21 years, has rarely been a wild card, like Libya or Iraq. In 1970, Syria hastily withdrew an expeditionary force from northern Jordan after Israeli and American threats. In 1974, following the Yom Kippur War, Syria signed a disengagement accord with Israel which Assad has scrupulously respected. Since 1974, Syria has prevented Palestinian guerrilla raids against Israel from its territory. In the past few years, Syria has worked for stability — and by definition a pax Syriana — in Lebanon.

Not known for letting external opportunities pass him by, Assad has taken full advantage of two major events in world politics since 1989 — the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and, latterly, in the Soviet Union itself; and the crisis in the Persian Gulf, triggered by Iraq's foolish and ill-fated invasion of Kuwait.

Realizing that the Cold War is over and that the Soviet Union no longer exerts the influence

Syria modifies policy

it once did in the Middle East, Syria has cozied up to the United States. Assad now recognizes that Moscow is neither interested in nor able to help him achieve "strategic parity" with Israel. He also understands that Washington and its Western allies are a potential source of economic aid and, furthermore, that the United States holds most of the cards in the efforts to defuse the long-simmering Arab-Israeli dispute.

In an acknowledgement of Washington's preeminent position, Assad observed: "In Arabic, we say, 'Do you want grapes or do you want to fight the vineyard keeper? We want the grapes.'"

With this reality in mind, Assad not only backed the United States and the anti-Iraqi coalition in the Gulf War, but came out in support of the Middle East peace conference. Syria, of course, hopes that the Bush administration will pressure Israel to relinquish the Golan Heights, annexed by Israel in 1981.

Syria's new pro-Western orientation has already paid concrete dividends. In gratitude for its stance in the Gulf War, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states channeled some $2 billion (U.S.) into Syria's much-depleted coffers, while the United States let Syria crush Michel Aoun's revolt in Lebanon and allowed Assad to impose a brotherhood and co-operation treaty on the compliant Lebanese government.

Since Assad wants to negotiate with Israel from a position of strength, Syria has beefed up its armed forces with North Korean and Chinese ground-to-ground missiles and ordered Soviet MiG-29s, Sukhoi-24s and T-72 tanks.

Israel has reacted to all these developments — the prospect of talks with Syria and Syria's acquisition of more missiles — with a mixture of hope, provocation and concern. Israel is hopeful that Syria may at last be ready for peace, but Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has said that Israel will not withdraw from the Golan Heights, while Housing Minister Ariel Sharon has promised to double the number of settlers there. In the meantime, as the Israelis wait to negotiate with the Syrians, Israel watches Syria's military buildup with foreboding.

Israel relaxing its grip

By
ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER

After two decades of preventing Arab manufacturers in the territories from competing with Israeli industries, the authorities in the territories say that they are now relaxing their grip.

When Foreign Minister David Levy met with European Community representatives Abel Matutes recently to discuss details of a $75 million economic aid package for the territories, the civil administration in the territories was putting the final touches to a series of economic reforms which are aimed at changing the protectionist policy of the past.

Initiated by Defence Minister Moshe Arens, the reforms are designed to allow Palestinians to compete with Israeli firms for markets in the territories (though not necessarily in Israel) for the first time since 1967. They include the granting of dozens of new business licences, new tax breaks on businesses, and Israeli approval for the creation of the first two Palestinian-owned banks in the territories to help channel badly needed foreign capital into the economy.

The policy change marks a recognition by government officials that residents of the territories must develop their own economic infrastructure.

The liberalization is designed to cushion the impact of post-Gulf War unemployment among the estimated 30,000 Palestinians barred from crossing the Green Line for security reasons or who have lost their jobs to Soviet and Ethiopian Jewish immigrants.

In the past few months, about 90 licences have been approved for new West Bank industries, including a UN-financed egg hatchery suppressed three years ago by then-defence minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Other large-scale projects, such as a longstanding Palestinian proposal to build a cement factory in the West Bank, are also getting a sympathetic hearing. The cement factory project was shelved in the 1980s after objections from Israeli industry, which currently supplies 90 per cent of the cement purchased in the territories.

Restrictions on transferring export earnings from sales in Jordan back to the West Bank also have been relaxed. And three-year tax breaks are being offered to all new businesses in the territories, while personal income tax brackets are being reduced to bring them more into line with the Israeli tax system, whose tax ceiling is lower.

Even so, Palestinians remain extremely wary of the Israeli reforms: Tax assessment remains arbitrary and collection is done in "the ugliest fashion," complains Khaled Al Khuttab, head of the Jericho Marketing co-operative. Israel continues to collect value added tax and farm taxes which Palestinians charge is contrary to Jordanian law.

With unemployment in the territories compounded by loss of aid and remittance from the Gulf states, it could take years for changes to bear fruit. Even if all 90 business licences developed into full-fledged companies tomorrow, only 3,000 jobs would be created, estimates Kamal Hassouneh, owner of the Sharq Electrode Company, one of Hebron's major manufacturers.

Moreover, some Palestinian investors seem more inclined to pocket their new licences for the moment and wait until better times to launch a venture. Meanwhile, Palestinians who used to wait months or years for licences now complain that the civil administration may have gone too far — handing out licences for more ventures than the market in the territories will bear.

Hassouneh and other businessmen believe that the promised $75 million aid package from the EC offers the best hope for quick economic relief in the West Bank. Roughly 40 per cent of the money is to be channeled into construction, a quick-fix method of creating hundreds of new jobs while also easing the housing situation in the overcrowded refugee camps.

Israel is still at odds with the European Community over authorities' demands to maintain some control over how the $75 billion aid package is spent.

Still, for the first time ever, new Palestinian-owned credit institutions are likely to play a major role in channeling the EC relief aid, as well as in promoting credit for the local economy.

Nonetheless, young Palestinian street leaders remain opposed to measures that might ease the economic situation at the expense of continuing the intifada.

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אונדזער ישוב איז, בלי ספק, דערמיט גייסטיק אָרעמער געווארן. ראַוויטש איז נישט נאָר געווען אַ פירנדיקער און אָנערקענטער פּאָעט, עסייאיסט און דענקער, נאָר אויך אַ בויער און מיטזאָרגער פֿאַר וויכטיקע קולטור אינסטיטוציעס אין שטאָט.

ער האָט אַריבערגעטראָגן אַהער די טראַדיציע, מיט וועלכער ער האָט זיך אַזוי אויסגעצייכנט, ווי דער לאַנג־יאָריקער סעקרעטאַר פון באַרימטן וואַרשעווער ליטעראַטן און זשורנאַליסטן פאַראיין אויף טלאָמאַצקע 13.

באַלד נאָך זיין באַזעצן זיך אין מאָנטרעאַל אין יאָר 1941, האָט ער איניציאירט און בויט גאָר דערפֿאָלגרייך אָנגעפירט מיט אַ פֿאָלק־אוניווערזיטעט ביי דער ייִדישער פֿאָלקס־ביבליאָטעק. דער דאָזיקער אוניווערזיטעט האָט זיך קונה שם געווען אויף פֿאַרשיידענע געביטן. באַזונדערס האָט ער געדינט מיט זיין העלפן ניי־געקומענע בעת און באַלד נאָך דער צווייטער וועלט־מלחמה מיט שפּראַך־קורסן, דער עיקר אין ענגליש. פיל הונדערטער צוהערער פלעגן דורכגיין די קורסן אין יענע יאָרן. איינמאָל אין יאָר האָט ער, צום סיום, צוגעגרייט אַ פייערונג צום פאַרענדיקן דעם זמן, מיט לייענען פון אויסגעקליבענע ווערק פון די שרייבער, וועלכע זיינען באַהאַנדלט געווארן אויף די קורסן. דאָס האָט מלך ראַוויטש אַרויסגעפירט יונגע לייענער און דערמיט איינגעשטעלט אַ טראַדיציע פון אָפט אַראַנזשירן קאָלעקטיווע לייען־געלעגנהייטן, וועלכע האַלטן נאָך אָן אין שטאָט ביי פאַרשיידענע ליטעראַרישע און אַנדערע קולטור־אונטערנעמונגען.

כּלערלי רעפעראַטן פון אָנפירנדיקע ייִדישע שרייבער און דענקער פלעגט ער, דורך דעם פאָלקס־אוניווערזיטעט, אָדער שפּעטער דורך דער ביבליאָטעק אָרגאַניזירן.

מלך ראַוויטש האָט אויך אָנגעפירט מיט אַ שטאַרק טעטיקן שרייבער פאַריין.

נאָכן קיעלצער פּאָגראָם אין פוילן אין יאָר 1946, ווען עס איז נויטיק־געווען צו וועקן דעם קאַנאַדער ייִדישן קאָנגרעס, ער זאָל ממשותדיק רעאַגירן אויף דעם שרעקלעכן אומגליק אין אויף דער ביטערער לאַגע אין די פליכטלינג לאַגערן, האָט ער זיך אָנגעשלאָסן אין אַ דעלעגאַציע פון ייִדישן אַרבעטער קאָמיטעט, אַלס דער סעקרעטאַר פון ליטעראַטן פאַריין און צוגעגעבן חשיבות דער אינטערוועלט, וועלכע האָט דערפירט צו עפענען די טויערן פון קאַנאַדע פאַר הונדערטער פּליטים.

אַז מלך ראַוויטש האָט מיט זיין איידעלער, הויך־מאָראַלישער פערזענלעכקייט אינספּירירט דעם ישוב פאַרשפּאָר אין, דורך פּרטים, צו באַווייזן.

מיט דער הילף פון זיין רחל'ען (אייזנבערג־ראַוויטש), דער לאַנג־יאָריקער מסירת־נפשדיקער ביבליאָטעקאַרין, האָט ער דירעקט, אָן אינסטיטוציאָנעלער הילף, געשיקט פּעקלעך צו געראַטעווועטע שרייבערס.

ווען ער האָט פֿאַרדינט $1,000 פאַר אינסצענירן פרצ'עס ,,דריי מתנות״ פאַר מאָריס שוואַרץ, האָט ער די הכנסה גענוצט צו שיקן שרייב־מאַשינקעס צו שרייבערס אין איראָפּע.

ווען עס האָט גענומען זיך אַנטוויקלען אַן אינטענסיווע טעטיקייט צו פֿאַרמירן אַ נאַציאָנאַלן קאָמיטעט פאַר ייִדיש און ייִדישער קולטור, וואָס איז שפּעטער געוואָרן אַ טייל פון קאַנאַדער ייִדישן קאָנגרעס, האָט מלך ראַוויטש צוגעגעבן גאָר אַ סך קוראַזש און מחשבה צו דער דאָזיקער באַוועגונג, וועלכע דינט ווי אַ מוסטער, אין וועלט מאַסשטאַב, פון וועלכן אַ טייל פון דער אַלגעמיינער נאַציאָנאַלער קהילה אָרגאַניזאַציע.

יאָ, כּל זמן ראַוויטש האָט געווירקט צווישן אונדז האָבן מיר געפילט זיין דירעקטן און אומדירעקטן איינפלוס. איצט וועט די ייִדישע וועלט אָפּצייכענען די דאַטע פון זיין יאָרצייט, מיט אַרויסהייבן קודם כל זיין גרויסן ליטעראַרישן בייטראָג. ווי־דער לייענער קען אָבער זען, האָב איך זיך געשטעלט פאַר אַן אויפגאָבע, אין אָט דעם קורצן קאָלום, אָפּצושאַצן בקיצור די אייגנאַרטיקע ראָל, וואָס ראַוויטש האָט געשפּילט אין אונדזער ישוב, ווי אַ מאָנער, בויער, באַגרינדער און אויך ממשותדיקער טוער צו שטאַרקן די מערכה פון ייִדיש און דער ייִדישער קולטור בכלל.

Libya reported to be building attack missiles

ROME (JTA) —

Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy, with German help, is apparently trying to build a factory for the production of ground-to-ground missiles capable of striking Israel, according to an article published in the Milan daily *Corriere della Sera*.

The missiles would have a range of 1,000 kilometers, or 620 miles. Missiles fired from Libya's eastern border would be capable of striking anywhere in Israel.

The revelations come at a time of ongoing admissions at a trial in Mannheim, Germany, that a German chemicals company knowingly helped Libya build a poison-gas plant.

Other German firms have been accused of helping Libya manufacture non-conventional weapons.

"Suspicions and rumors about the secret plans of the unpredictable Libyan leader were already circulating in the past few months, but only now have new elements come to light," wrote Guido Olimpio.

He wrote that at the end of July, customs officers in Hamburg seized a Libyan ship whose cargo was later determined by experts to consist of machinery for ground-to-ground missiles. The machinery came from the Fritz Werner factory in Rheingau.

"Later investigations showed that this firm had substantial business dealings with Libya, naturally carried out behind a smokescreen of tricks and false declarations," he wrote.

Olimpio wrote that Werner signed a contract with Libya at the end of 1990 for "a factory for the construction of pipes for sewers and aqueducts."

According to the *Corriere* article, "sources in the Libyan opposition" have said the factory, which is located near Tripoli, is a workshop for the production of Al Fatah missiles.

The article quoted German technical staff sent to work in Libya as saying this factory is surrounded by huge security measures, "certainly not very usual for a simple pipe factory."

HAND OF HOPE

Blair Thomas, star running back of the New York Jets, discusses teenage suicide with youngsters from summer camps sponsored by the Union Of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). The Jets are one of a number of professional sports teams —including the New York Yankees, New York Mets, Seattle Mariners and the San Francisco 49ers— cooperating with the UAHC in a non-sectarian Hand of Hope program to combat a current epidemic of teenage suicide. The campaign enlists sports teams and prominent sports and entertainment personalities to promote greater public awareness of the problem and to alert the public to signs of depression and suicidal tendency. Hand of Hope also produces materials on suicide prevention for use in synagogues, churches, schools and crisis intervention agencies. The youngsters shown here at the Jets training camp were among 50 boys and girls who took part in a seminar on preventing suicide.

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Reich resigns from IJCIC

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The chairman of the group charged with representing the world Jewish community in contacts with the Vatican unexpectedly resigned Monday, just three days before Polish Cardinal Jozef Glemp's visit to the United States was scheduled to begin.

Seymour Reich said he was resigning as chairman of IJCIC, the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, to protest "the organization's failure to reach a consensus on meeting with the cardinal," whose past remarks about Jews have angered many in the Jewish community.

Reich said he was leaving the post "in sorrow more than anger."

He said he felt a deep sense of frustration at being unable to coordinate a unified Jewish response to the Polish primate's 18-day visit, which begins Thursday.

Jewish organizational and religious leaders have been at odds about whether to meet with Glemp, who heads the Catholic Church in Poland.

Some, who feel the cardinal has not gone far enough in apologizing for his past remarks, have turned down invitations to see him. But a number of others will meet with Glemp on Friday, at the headquarters of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington.

Reich said he had hoped that IJCIC could reach consensus on whether or not the American Jewish leadership should meet with Glemp.

He said he had tried to convene a meeting last week of the organization's constituent groups to discuss the issue, but that he was thwarted in his attempt by IJCIC members who did not want the discussion to take place.

He said he was resigning because IJCIC "failed to meet its responsibilities."

The group now plans to hold an emergency meeting Thursday morning to discuss Reich's resignation. At least one IJCIC member said he would ask Reich to rescind his decision.

"This is not the time to show divisiveness within the Jewish community," said Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, co-chair of the interreligious affairs committee of the Synagogue Council of America, which represents Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews and is a member agency of IJCIC.

IJCIC members remain deeply divided on the issue of meeting with Glemp, who insulted Jews and Judaism in his now-infamous homily of Aug. 26, 1989, in Czestochowa, Poland.

In that homily, the cardinal accused Jews of "getting peasants drunk," "spreading communism" and acting "from a position of a people raised above all others."

He also said that a group of Jewish activists, led by New York Rabbi Avi Weiss, had intended to kill the nuns at the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz during a demonstration they held there in July 1989.

Glemp backed away from some of those remarks in a letter he sent Aug. 12 to Archbishop Arthur Maida of Detroit, which was made public 11 days later.

He admitted that the Jewish activists "did not intend to kill the sisters or to destroy the convent" and he expressed regret over past "misunderstandings" with the world Jewish community.

He also called anti-Semitism "evil and contrary to the spirit of the Gospel." But he did not give the explicit apology for his past remarks that many Jewish leaders had hoped for.

As a result, Weiss is going ahead with plans to sue Glemp for libel and defamation. He and Harvard Law School Prof. Alan Dershowitz intend to serve the cardinal with court papers once he lands on American soil.

Schonfeld of IJCIC agreed with that position, calling Glemp's letter a "cop-out. If I insult somebody, I apologize to them directly, not by saying it to somebody else," he said.

Revising schoolbooks

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) —

Blaming anti-Semitism in Poland on the legacy of communism, a leader of the Polish Parliament promised here this week that he would see to it that Polish schoolbooks are revised to present an accurate picture of the contributions of Jews to Polish history.

Prof. Andrzej Stelmachowski, speaker of the Senate in Warsaw, also pledged to a delegation of Australian Jews that his country would support moves to rescind "the Communist-inspired insult" that was the UN General Assembly's 1975 resolution branding Zionism as racism.

Stelmachowski, who is visiting Australia as a guest of the Australian Parliament, acknowledged there were "extremists" in Poland who resorted to anti-Semitism but said they had little national influence and played no "decisive" role in elections.

He blamed their presence on "45 years of deliberate historical isolation forced on Poland by the Communists," who repeatedly "provoked" anti-Semitism and had deliberately "written the Jews out of our history."

One of Chabad's billboards tells people to prepare for the Messiah. [IPPA photo]

Messianic age exists, says Rabbi Friedman

NEW YORK (JTA) —

For a full year now Jews have been expecting the Messiah to arrive, as Lubavitch fervor for the day of redemption spread through the Chassidic movement's long-reaching network and sparked a "Mashiach fever" throughout the world's Jewish communities.

But 5751, which was the year of "great wonders" according to the Lubavitcher rebbe, came and went without the apparent arrival of the Messiah.

Rabbi Manis Friedman, dean of Bais Chana, a Lubavitch women's educational program in Minneapolis, and the author of *Doesn't Anyone Blush Anymore?*, doesn't agree.

"This IS the Messianic age," he exclaimed.

"Judaism is no longer in exile," he said. "There is no repression of Judaism anywhere in the world."

When asked about the curtailed religious freedom of Syrian Jews, Rabbi Friedman described their repression as "not an ideological or religious thing. It's just old-fashioned anti-Semitism. And that will end soon. They're going to come to Israel."

To bolster his position that we have already entered the messianic era, Rabbi Friedman said: "All those miracles that the rebbe predicted came true — Israel was safe from the missiles on Purim, nothing changed in Russia because of the coup."

The great war between Gog and Magog prophesied by Maimonides for "the beginning of the days of Mashiach" became reality in the form of the Persian Gulf War between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, said the enthusiastic Rabbi Friedman.

"'And before the war a great prophet will arise to prepare our heart and guide our thoughts,'" Rabbi Friedman said, paraphrasing more Maimonides and alluding to the Lubavitcher rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, as the great prophet.

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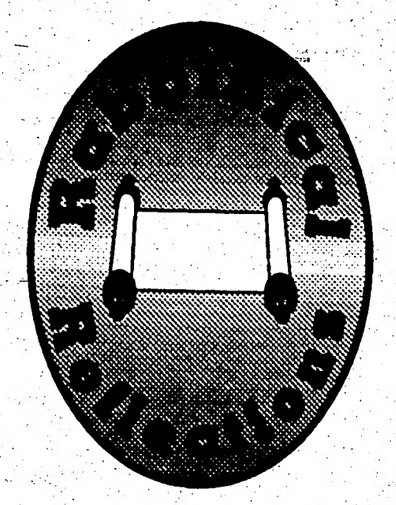

By
RABBI STEVEN SALTZMAN

Each year, we build a sukkah, and each year we get rained on, blown out and frozen. You know that it takes a great act of faith to build a sukkah ever year. You know as well as I, that if once in a decade we get to actually be in the sukkah every day, it's a miracle.

Maybe that's why most people don't build sukkot anymore; it's too risky. The odds of getting some real use out of that sukkah are even worse than the odds of winning the lottery. That is why it's more important than ever that we build a sukkah. You see, our act of faith in building a sukkah captures our ancestors' act of faith of living in the sukkah.

Let me explain, by asking you to imagine a conversation between Moses and some of the leaders of the Israelites in Egypt. I'm almost certain that some of the elders told Moses to delay the liberation.

"Let's wait," they must have said. "Let's wait until the people are really ready, until we can build a consensus. Let's wait until after the heat of the summer. Certainly, things are bad here in Egypt but we have thick walls and a solid roof to protect us from the elements. If we have to travel in the dessert now, how will we live? Let's not risk it now. This isn't the right time."

Moses understood that for these people there never would be a right time, they would never take the risk. He knew that the price of striving to be free meant exposure to the cruel heat of the desert.

They had to risk it at that time, or liberation would never happen. And so in a real way, the sukkah pays tribute to Jewish faith and courage; it pays tribute to our ancestors' strength to venture in a waterless, withered wasteland, leaving behind the fertile places and the security of Egypt.

This courage, this ability to take risks, isn't foreign to our generation. Ben Gurion had it. Imagine a conversation Ben Gurion must have had in 1948 with some of the leaders of the Jewish people in Israel as they were deciding to declare the establishment of the State of Israel. Some of Ben Gurion's advisers must have urged him to delay the declaration.

"This isn't the right time," they must have said. "Let's wait until the Arabs are a little more willing to accept a Jewish presence in the Middle East. Let's wait until North American Jewry is willing to devote more of its financial resources to us. Let's wait until we are better armed. This isn't the time to take a risk."

Ben Gurion understood that for these people there never would be a right time to declare the establishment of the state. It was now or never. The risk had to be taken.

This ability to take risks is characteristic not only of the greatest men and women of our people, but is very much part of our own lives. There is probably no greater risk than the decision to have children. For my parents' generation, the decision to have children wasn't so much a decision as something that almost inevitably followed getting married. For my generation it is very much a premeditated conscious, often agonizing, decision.

It is not at all strange to hear a young couple say: "Listen, we both work, we're not established, this isn't the right time to think about children. The world is really a cruel place, and we are all threatened with nuclear annihilation anyway, this isn't a place to bring a child into. It's much too risky."

Well, I needn't tell you that it is risky to have children. So much can and often does go wrong, because what that young couple was saying about the state of the world is true. It takes a special courage to go ahead and despite everything, raise a family.

The message of the sukkah is the idea that we have to take risks. People instinctively strive to build solid walls of security and protection. We buy a home and then we furnish and adorn it, and sometimes we are fooled into thinking that this can protect us from death, disaster and the unexpected. It cannot. They are as broken reeds that can be swept away in a moment of ill fortune. The home is not where real security lies.

That is why we need to sit in the sukkah, to recapture some of the insecurity that comes from being wanderers, to remember that without risk-taking we can become prisoners of our need for security. By sitting in the sukkah we acknowledge the limits of our controllable security. We open our world to the unexpected and the spontaneous.

By sitting in the sukkah we learn that true security is a function of spirituality and not materialism. Armed with faith, we face both the good and the bad surprises of history and life. And we do so with joy — the joy of a free people celebrating the privilege and the rise of freedom, knowing that to finish the task is not crucial, but failing to start it is.

And so, my friends, each year we take a risk; we build a sukkah. It is an act of faith, but one that could not be more appropriate because the sukkah itself is a symbol of risk-taking, of insecurity.

Someone once said that "To hope is to risk despair, and to try is to risk failure." That person was right, but risks must be taken, because the greatest risk in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, and becomes nothing. He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he simply cannot learn and feel and change and grow and love and live. Chained by his certitudes, he is a slave. He has forfeited his freedom. Only the person who risks, only the person who sits in the sukkah, is truly free.

Try it and see what happens.

Rabbi Steven Saltzman is spiritual leader at Adath Israel Congregation in Downsview, Ontario.

Sukkot's timing a mitzvah

By
RABBI MEYER KRENTZMAN

When viewed from its historic perspective, the holiday of Sukkot apparently occurs at the wrong time of year. Following the Exodus from Egypt, the People of Israel were shielded from the harsh desert climate by the heavenly Clouds of Glory and perhaps by the actual sukkot booths which they constructed. It would, therefore, seem most logical for the commemorative holiday of Sukkot to have been established shortly after Pesach which celebrates the Exodus when it took place.

There are numerous explanations provided by our classical and modern Bible commentators. The most common answer is that it is this way in order to make a clear distinction. We leave our comfortable homes to dwell in more flimsy surroundings purely because of G-d's command. For if we were to do so in the late spring, it would appear that we are merely following the normal custom of our general society i.e. as the warmer season approaches, one spends much more time outdoors. Therefore, by celebrating Sukkot at the time when people generally forsake their summer homes and regular outdoor summer schedule, we Jews, in clear contradiction to the rest of the inhabitants of our society, proceed outdoors. Clearly this can only be for the sake of fulfilling the mitzvah.

Another explanation reflects the nature of man and provides a lesson for self-improvement. The timing of Sukkot follows the major fall harvest. Once the bountiful harvest has concluded, particularly in the agriculture-based society of Israel, people begin to feel very good about their success and the wealth which awaits them. Times are now especially good and pockets are full. The normal tendency is to take this blessing for granted, seeing the successful harvest as the product of our diligent hard work and particularly careful sowing, nurturing, and reaping. Simply put, we rejoice in the fruit of our labors.

Great simchah

How natural it is to forget Hashem's part. Indeed we tend to call upon or recognize G-d in times of doubt, dismay, sickness, death, or other crises or tragedies. How sincere is our prayer, our acts of charity, our vows of reform, when we face such hardships. But when things are really great, we don't seem to need our heavenly Father all that much. We act much like children away from home who call to ask for money or other needs and who otherwise are rarely in touch.

Sukkot, by taking us outdoors when it would be far more pleasant to be inside, when we can well afford better, more luxurious surroundings, reminds us to whom we are indebted for our blessings. The roof of the sukkah must be open enough to enable one to see the heavens, for we must direct our eyes and hearts heavenward as we demonstrate our faith and conviction. This holiday, more than any other, teaches us to be truly thankful and appreciative of the source of life and all blessing.

By developing or improving this character trait, we begin to look at those whom we love and cherish, those whom we feel are true friends, those whom we feel touch our lives in various meaningful ways, with a deeper feeling of gratitude and appreciation.

I believe that this special relationship with Hashem on the one hand and with relatives and friends on the other is what makes Sukkot the season of our rejoicing, z'man simhateinu. The greatest simchah will be felt when we achieve the greatest level of awareness and of appreciation and gratitude for the blessings which truly surround us.

Rabbi Meyer Krentzman is president of the Board of Jewish Ministers of Greater Montreal.

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Organizations and People

Harnick predicts Tory comeback

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

One year into his job, Ontario's newest Jewish member of the provincial legislature flatly describes Bob Rae's NDP government as "completely out of control."

Charles Harnick, who narrowly defeated Liberal Gino Matrundola in Willowdale last year to grab the seat for the Tories, is obviously no fan of the province's first socialist rulers.

For one, he's a bit dismayed there are no Jews on the government side of the house — a first in decades. A 40-year-old lawyer, Harnick joined Liberals Monte Kwinter, Elinor Caplan and Steve Offer to form the "Jewish MPPs club" when Rae and his New Democrats were swept to power last September.

But Harnick is more eager to seize on Ontario's meat and potato issues: taxes, car insurance, health care and the general disarray in which Rae's government has found itself over the past year.

"They've completely backed off from their agenda," Harnick told The CJN in his Yonge Street constituency office. "To get elected, they said they would increase spending on many programs. The deficit is $9.7 billion and now they're saying we have to practise restraint."

It's not as though Harnick dislikes restraint. As a Tory, it's his party's long-held policy, and conservative spending was a major issue sounded during the election campaign by his leader, Mike Harris.

But Harnick fears the NDP has overspent so much to date, that "drastic" budget cuts are on the horizon.

A good example is public auto insurance, an election promise from which the NDP backed off, saying it would cost too much. Harnick says that's just as well, as he believes the whole industry should be in private hands.

But he points to it as an example of what he feels has been a year's worth of government ineptitude.

As for the Tories, who held power for 43 years until their defeat at the hands of the Liberals and NDP in 1985, Harnick insists they're no longer smarting at being relegated to third party status.

In last year's vote, the Conservatives picked up 20 seats, half of those filled by rookies, Harnick among them. He ran in Willowdale in 1987, but placed second.

Now, he's the Tories' critic for the Attorney-General and for native affairs. Roughly 15 per cent of his riding is Jewish and Harnick gets an earful from them about the number one item on the Jewish agenda: government funding for day schools.

"My party is amenable to looking at ways of changing educational funding," the MPP says. "We are prepared to look at the idea of unified school boards, where the public part of the curriculum would be funded. Then, another board, privately funded, could look after the rest of the curriculum, be it Jewish, Catholic or French."

Harnick estimates it would cost $25 million to fund Ontario's 20 Jewish day schools, out of an annual education budget of over $6 billion.

But it's a moot point, he adds, because Rae "won't deal with it," and the court challenge to the non-funding of education outside the public and separate systems is still on.

Harnick is no stranger to Jewish communal endeavors. He's been active for years in B'nai Brith Canada and the community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. His late father Lou was a president of Beth Tzedec Congregation, and Harnick, his wife Beverley and their three daughters still belong there.

On health care, Harnick says many of his constituents are in for a rude awakening when cuts to the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) kick in.

Starting next month, OHIP will cut sharply the amount it will pay for medical treatment in the United States. That means travelers to the States will need private health insurance.

"There's a large number of seniors in my riding who go to Florida every winter," he says. "They're going to be hurt by the changes to OHIP if they need medical care in the United States."

As for his boss, Harnick feels Mike Harris is gaining ground.

"You're going to see people perceiving Mike Harris as a very credible alternative leader."

Ontario's Liberals "are in disarray" without a leader and even when one is chosen, he or she will be untested. Watch for the Tories, he says, to make a comeback.

Charles Harnick

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Silvert homecoming includes job as JCC executive director

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Neil Silvert is back home and he couldn't be happier.

In fact, it was a second homecoming for Silvert when he returned this summer to take up his duties as the JCC's new executive director.

And what persuaded him to return — besides the fact that his wife, Miriam, was happiest here, he laughs — is the new JCC.

He first saw the new JCC a year ago while here on a combined business trip and visit to his grandfather, Joe Alexandroff.

"I was moved," he says earnestly. "I was flabbergasted by the place. Thirty-five acres of land, beautiful land, out in the country and yet we're only five minutes from the Jewish community . . . The building has tremendous potential. I was very impressed!"

Another "major enticement" was "the unbelievable commitment" of the JCC board of directors.

Neil Silvert

Community town hall

"Having worked (at the old JCC) at Delaware and remembering all the JCC committee members who worked so hard to keep the place active and vibrant, I had only good memories," he comments.

Born in Hamilton in 1954 but raised in Kitchener, Silvert's first return was in 1984 as a Practicum student with the Council of Jewish Federations' professional leadership training program.

Assigned to UIA Ontario region, his job here was to assist with the UJA campaign. When the program ended two years later, he remained in Hamilton as director of development.

In 1987 he was appointed UJA director for Winnipeg and in 1989 he went to Ottawa as campaign director and director of leadership development.

The highlight of his two years in Ottawa, where he developed a highly successful leadership training program, was taking a group of Ottawa and Montreal teenagers on the 1990 March of the Living.

"It's still with me. It was a wonderful experience," says Silvert, for whom working with teenagers and teen programs are "a major, major" part of his agenda.

He hopes to take a group of Hamilton teens on a future March of the Living and, a veteran of nine trips to Israel, would also like to organize a family mission to Israel.

Meanwhile, his priority is the JCC itself.

"Financially, we're over the hump," notes Silvert, referring to the capital funds campaign under Larry Szpirglas and the recent approval of an application for land severance. Proceeds from the sale for residential use of four acres bordering the JCC property will serve to reduce the JCC's debt.

Phase I of the conversion of the former Hillside Racquet Club to a full service JCC should be complete by next year and the next thing, says Silvert, "is the long range capital development process," with high priority being given to the best use of the land for baseball diamonds, a pool, cross country skiing, walking trails and so on.

But his main focus, he emphasizes, "is to put the JEWISH back into Jewish Community Centre.

"We're neutral, we're Jewish, period," he declares. "We are the town hall of the Jewish community."

Hamilton has "a very strong history," he notes. The community used to be one of the leading Jewish communities in Canada and its JCC is the oldest in the country.

"It would be nice," Silvert goes on, "to study this and to use those lessons for the future.

"The JCC provides quality Jewish time for the Jewish family. It's our insurance policy," he says, adding that there are "two other main reasons" for taking on this job: his son, Jason, 8, and daughter, Morrisa, 4, and his concern that there should be a Jewish community by the time they are grown up.

"My vision," he states, "is to see my kids involved in Jewish programs for their kids."

And if there's anyone out there who's got something to say about the JCC, "including why they're not members," Silvert wants to hear from them.

"If you've got something to say, call me and say it. If people don't talk to us, we can't listen. It's too easy just to say the JCC doesn't offer anything. When people yell, something gets done."

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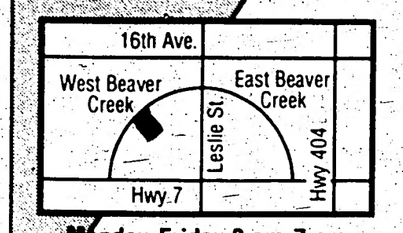

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Organizations and People

Synagogue forecasts "chaos" if city takes back parking lot

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
A battle is brewing between the City of North York and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue over the shul's parking lot.

The synagogue, which has leased the rear two-thirds of its parking lot from the city for nearly 30 years, has been informed by North York's Parks and Recreation Department that it wants the space for the possible expansion of Wilmington Park next door.

In a recent letter to the synagogue, the city says the plans will not go into effect for another five or six years, but advises the shul to make alternate parking arrangements.

If the city goes ahead, it would mean "absolute chaos" for Beth Emeth's 1,600 member families, congregation president Larry Ross told The CJN.

Ross said many members drive to shul and even the current parking lot often cannot accommodate all their cars. There is usually spillover into the surrounding streets, and a much smaller lot would mean parking nightmares, he added.

"It's not something I expected," Ross said of the city's surprise move.

Synagogue members and surrounding residents are drawing up a petition, asking the city to continue its leasing arrangement with the shul, Ross said.

Day care

The petition will add that Beth Emeth is not only a synagogue but also houses education facilities, day care and serves as a community centre, he added.

Ross and a special synagogue committee struck to counter the city's plans has met with the area's alderman, Irving Chapley, to discuss the matter.

They have encountered a sympathetic ear, as Chapley told The CJN he is "110 per cent behind" the synagogue.

Chapley says he has three city councillors on his side. He will need a majority of eight councillors to pass a resolution calling off the city's plans and he's confident he'll muster the support.

"I'm not without influence here. I think I can handle it," he said.

Chapley said a letter from the synagogue and the petition, which may contain as many as 7,000 signatures, will be presented to North York Council early in the new year.

He said he doesn't want the flap to become an election issue. Chapley is running for re-election in his ward in the November municipal vote.

Chapley said he has advised the synagogue for 17 years to offer to buy the land from the city.

He said the city's plans include the enclosure of a skating rink in Wilmington Park, and it is eyeing the shul's lot for the parking the rink would need.

Chapley said the city "can do without" a covered skating rink.

But the city is serious about its plans, because it has purchased a house on adjacent Combe Avenue to make way for the park's possible expansion, Chapley noted.

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JSU director Rabbi Silverman leaves U of T post

TORONTO —
Rabbi Moishe Silverman has called it quits after eight years as director of the Jewish Students Union at the University of Toronto.

Rabbi Silverman told The CJN he decided to step down because "I saw the writing on the wall" when B'nai Brith Canada cut all funding to the campus group this fiscal year.

Fuelling the group's uncertain future were rumors that BBC would sell the JSU's building, Hillel House, (604 Spadina Ave.), leaving the students without an address, kosher food outlet and a drop-in centre.

But a resolution passed at BBC's annual meeting in July commits it to maintaining and providing a house for the roughly 1,000 members of the JSU.

Earlier this year, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (formerly Toronto Jewish Congress) stepped in with $105,000 for this academic year, allowing JSU some breathing space.

Rabbi Silverman said the sense he got from the federation was that large-scale restructuring was in order for JSU and that there would be changes "every few years."

JFGT has struck a committee that will look into improving services for U of T's 4,000 Jewish students. It will be co-chaired by Marjorie Shore and David Brown.

It will also conduct a search for a new JSU director and set up a board of directors, said Alan Reitzes of JFGT.

Rabbi Silverman will continue to teach at several Jewish high schools.

He has also started up a counselling service for youth, called Tikva Counselling Service. — **R.C.**

U of T student goes to court on bomb scare

TORONTO —
A man charged with telephoning a bomb threat to the Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto last January will appear in court Oct. 16 to face one charge of conveying a false message.

Charged is Shahid Mahmood Mian, who was a student at U of T at the time of the alleged offense. The charge carries a maximum jail term of two years.

The JSU building, at 604 Spadina Ave., received anti-Semitic telephone calls and bomb threats during the Gulf War. Five bomb threats were made regarding Israel Day, held Jan. 22 in the lobby of the Sidney Smith building.

In a gesture of solidarity with Israel, organizers of the annual celebration refused to evacuate the building.

Correction

The article entitled Amoch sisters recalled with laughter, music (CJN, Sept. 19, 1991) erroneously said that they were killed when a terrorist seized the wheel of a bus they were on and forced it off the road.

Gillah and Amy Amoch were in fact killed in a traffic accident. Their parents are involved in a movement to increase motor vehicle safety in Israel.

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Contributors defy recession

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PRESS RELEASE SUGGESTIONS

Now that the new season is upon us, I thought it would be appropriate to list some suggestions about submitting material for the What's New and About People columns.

1. Please remember that The CJN is a weekly newspaper published on Thursdays, and the deadline for these columns is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Sept. 26, is deadline for the Oct. 10 issue).

2. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. If you are sending material by mail, do be sure that it will reach my desk by deadline date, otherwise it will sit on my desk until I come in the following week.

3. Material should be typewritten, double spaced. If we cannot read your handwriting, we cannot print your item.

4. Use first and last names of all people mentioned — John Smith, Mary Smith, John and Mary Smith.

5. Give your complete address and/or the address where the event is taking place — 123 Finch Ave. W., not 123 Finch.

6. When submitting pictures, give full names of all persons plus organization affiliation and designate location in picture — left to right, back row, front row.

Pictures must be sharp and in focus and should not be crowded with people. We prefer pictures taken by a professional. Polaroid snapshots do not always reproduce clearly. We reserve the right not to use photos that will not print clearly.

Also, if you want the picture returned, please indicate and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

7. Always include a name and phone number that I can contact if I have any questions.

8. We cannot guarantee that your material will appear as submitted. We reserve the right to edit and/or omit portions.

9. Please don't ask us to send you clippings of your items once they are in print. We don't have the staff to handle this.

10. And please don't phone about changes or cancellations at the last minute, as we cannot make corrections once the item is in type. Just make sure your material is correct when submitting it.

Thursday, Sept. 26

THE COMPANY OF STRANGERS

Forest Hill Retirement Residence is presenting a review of the movie *The Company of Strangers* on Thursday, Sept. 26. **Heather Kassell** will critique the film.

The time is 2 p.m. at 625 Castlefield Ave. Admission is free, but space is limited and reservations are requested. Call **Marlene** at 785-1511.

Friday, Sept. 27

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

On Friday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m., concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will present a musical program at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd. It will feature Jewish, semi-classical and popular music.

Sunday, Sept. 29

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Toronto mayorality candidate **Jack Layton** will discuss his Vision of Toronto for the 1990s at the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Monday, Sept. 30

LEARNING DISABILITIES

You are invited to attend the Learning Disabilities Association of North York annual general meeting on Monday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. at North York Board of Education auditorium, 5050 Yonge St.

The guest speaker will be **Sharron Stasuik**, head of special education at General Brock School in Burlington. The topic of the evening is I Don't Want to Go to Work Today!, a humorous look at stress in the workplace and at home.

The public is welcome. For information, call 229-1680.

Wednesday, Oct. 2

MOTHERS GROUP

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Mothers Group is meeting for the 1991-92 season. This year's opening program features **Linda Spiegel** of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Children's Book Store, who will be presenting a selection of books for preschoolers. She will discuss the criteria for selecting an appropriate book for your child and will be sharing classic storybooks with the group as well as the very latest in storybook trends.

The date is Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. (Bathurst and Sheppard). For babysitting services contact **Julia** at 771-0414 or **Gloria** at 886-6318 or **Erica** at 688-0655.

Meetings will be held this year on alternate weeks (next program is Oct. 16). Do bring a friend and come and enjoy!

NEW MEMBERS MEETING

Chaverim Chapter of B'nai Brith Women invites you to attend a new members' meeting. The invitation, in poem form, reads like this — "Thirtysomething describes us to a tee. Lots to do, please come and see. Married with kids and in the north end. Join us and meet new friends! We invite new members on a Wednesday night. That's Oct. 2. Come share the delight!"

Call **Rhona** for more information at 731-6624.

AND GET-TO-KNOW-US EVENING

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., the Association for the Neurologically Disabled (AND) is holding a Get-To-Know-Us Evening at the AND Centre, 59 Clement Rd. (back entrance of Richview Public School), in Etobicoke.

AND provides individually designed in-the-home rehabilitation programs for children and adults suffering from learning disabilities, developmental delay, cerebral palsy, autism, Down's Syndrome, traumatic head injury and stroke.

For information, call the centre at 244-1992.

And What Else Is New...

MENDELSSOHN'S ELIJAH

Holy Blossom Temple inaugurates its musical season with a spectacular concert on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 8 p.m. The world-renowned Dresdner Kreuzchor and Philharmonie will present **Felix Mendelssohn's** oratorio, *Elijah*, under the direction of **Gothart Stier-Kreuzkantor**.

Soloists are tenors **Cantor Benjamin Maissner** and **Ralph Erding**, soprano **Ute Selbig**, alto **Annette Markert** and baritone **Andreas Scheibner**.

The temple's 1991-92 concert series continues with a program of Russian music performed by Russian artists on Wednesday, Feb. 12; a weekend with American composer **Bonla Shur** on May 1-3; an evening with the Canadian Singers on Wed., May 27, and a weekend with **Cantor Nate Lam**, Jan. 24-26.

Concerts take place at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Tickets are $15 general admission, $10 seniors and students. Tickets for *Elijah* are available in advance at the temple or at the door on the night of the concert. For further details, phone **Barbara** at 789-3291.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

At the Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon at noon, following services on Saturday, Oct. 5, the guest speaker will be **Nathan Abramowitz**, executive director of the synagogue. His topic will be Share My Recent Israel Experiences.

Paid reservations should be made no later than Wednesday, Oct. 2. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call 781-3511.

OHR SOMAYACH HAPPENINGS

Here's a list of programs offered at Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill:

The *Kuzari* — **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky** is presenting a series of lectures based upon the philosophical writings, the *Kuzari*, on Sundays at 9 p.m. beginning Oct. 6. Each lecture is a self-contained unit. This is for men and women.

Exploring the Parsha — Find out why Rabbi Milevsky's Parsha class is so popular. Let the Torah speak to you through his insights into the weekly Torah portion on Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 8. For men and women.

Tea-Time Shiur — Tuesday at Tea with **Rena Schochet** encompasses a fully-fledged learning lesson. The Winsome Way of Prayer is a series of self-contained lectures on the meaning of Daily prayers every Tuesday from 1:15-2:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 8. Admission is $5. Babysitting available. For further information, call **Michelle** or **Jill** at 886-5730.

For Men Only — Monday afternoon lectures with Rabbi Milevsky on Michtav M'Eliyahu continue as of Oct. 7. The time is 2-3 p.m. No admission fee... Tuesday morning, Oct. 8, from 10-11, Rabbi Milevsky's Gemorrah for Beginners class commences. No admission fee.

The Morning Shiur — Wednesday mornings mean Understanding Mitzvot with **Rabbi Avram Rothman**, from 10-11, starting Oct. 9. Admission is free and babysitting is available. For information, call Michelle or Jill at 886-5730.

Evening Torah Sharim — **Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum** will be teaching at the Women's Studies Program on Thursdays at 8:45 p.m. beginning Oct. 11. Sessions consist of a tutorial, a partnered study session and a closing lecture. Admission is free. For information, contact Michelle or Jill at above number.

OUR SEPHARDIC HERITAGE

Beth Tikvah Synagogue begins a year of exploring the rich legacy of history, culture, literature, poetry and music of 500 Years of Sephardic Heritage. The Gerineldo Folk Ensemble featuring traditional Judeo-Spanish songs will be the opening program on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Tickets are $10 and are available at Beth Tikvah (221-3433), Israel's (256-1010 or 881-1010), Matana (731-6543) and Negev (781-9356).

MITZVAH VOLUNTEERS

The Mitzvah Volunteers, a small group of Jewish men and women who have now or have had loved ones residing at Cummer Lodge, is a subgroup of the Cummer Lodge Volunteers, encouraged and supported by Cummer Lodge administration and recognized for their services by the Chaplaincy Division of Jewish Family and Child Service for the year-round program of worship services and celebrations provided for the 70 Jewish men and women in the 450-bed facility.

For Sukkot, the Mitzvah Volunteers will escort residents into the decorated sukkah (donated last year by Steeles College Memorial Chapel) for refreshments and the recitation of blessings.

HOW TO EAT SMART & STAY SLIM

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood's opening dinner meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8, will feature nutritionist **Barbie Casselman** who will speak on How to Eat Smart and Stay Slim.

The charge is $20 members, $25 non-members. RSVP by calling 781-3511 by Tuesday, Oct. 1.

YIDDISH CLASSES

The committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the North York Board of Education and the following synagogues are sponsoring Yiddish language classes for adults:

Conversation I — Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 10 sessions beginning Thursday, Oct. 10, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. ($25); Temple Sinai, 10 sessions starting Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7:30-9:30 p.m. ($25); Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, nine sessions beginning Sunday, Oct. 20, 7-9 p.m. ($22.50); Rockford Road Public School, eight sessions commencing Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7-9 p.m. ($22.50).

Intermediate Yiddish — Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, eight sessions starting Monday, Oct. 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m. ($20).

Advanced Yiddish — Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, eight sessions beginning Thursday, Oct. 31, 9:30-11:30 a.m. ($20).

Adult Yiddish — Beth Sholom adult education committee and the Parents' Association of Bialik Hebrew Day School, 10 sessions at Bialik School, 12 Viewmount Ave., starting Tuesday, Oct. 8, 8-9:30 p.m. ($40).

In addition, the Institute for Jewish Learning at the Jewish Community Centre will have Yiddish courses. Details to be announced.

For additional information on any of these programs, call **Sylvia Lustgarten** or **Bonnie Kates**, committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, at 635-2883, ext. 155.

HIV SUPPORT GROUP

Holy Blossom Temple's AIDS Committee has organized a support group for HIV positive Jewish men. Meetings are held bimonthly. Call, in confidence, **Hyla** at 698-4931 for the date and location of the next meeting.

ABOUT JEWISH MARRIAGE

Here's an opportunity to find out everything you wanted to know about Jewish marriage but were afraid to ask — communication, budgeting, intimacy, in-laws/out-laws, wedding ceremony, and the Jewish home.

The Jewish Marriage Committee is presenting

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TOP RETAILER

Sydney businessman Harvey Webber, owner of The Smart Shop, has been awarded the Canadian Retailer of the Year Award. The presentation took place recently during the annual awards luncheon of the 55,000 member Retail Council of Canada. Webber, who is shown above with his wife Ethel, was named a member of the Order of Canada in 1987 and received the Dalhousie Law School's Weldon Law Award for unselfish public service in 1990. He is currently a vice-president of Canadian ORT, on the board of Canadian Associates of Tel Aviv University, and is Atlantic regional representative of UIA.

NEW DOCUMENTARY

Canadian Friends of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre held the Atlantic Canada premiere of its new documentary, *Echoes That Remain*, in Halifax recently, followed by a reception at Shaar Shalom Synagogue. From left are Rabbi Marvin Pritzker, Beth Israel Synagogue; Barbara Paton, president of Shaar Shalom Synagogue and honorary chairman of the Premiere Committee; Jon Goldberg, Premiere co-chairman; Smadar Peretz, Canadian director for development, Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre; Halifax Mayor Ron Wallace, Franklyn Medjuck, Premiere co-chairman, and Rev. John Smith.

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an interactive seminar for engaged couples exploring the Torah approach to Jewish marriage. It will take place at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., on Mondays at 7:45 p.m. from Oct. 21-Nov. 25.

Feel free to invite other interested couples. The cost is $60 per couple. Advanced registration is required. For more information, call **Dr. Leo and Fagie Davids** at 638-8222 or **Dr. Harvey and Sharon Erlich** at 785-1202. To register, call **Randi** at 633-4144.

A FESTIVE CONCERT

A festive concert by the Toronto Virtuosi Ensemble is being presented at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, 55 Yeomans Rd., on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 8:30 p.m.

Program highlights include classical and romantic music, Russian ballads and folk songs, Italian opera arias and songs in Yiddish and Hebrew.

The concert is presented under Robin's Artists Management. Tickets are $15 general admission, $10 seniors and students. For ticket information, call 636-0781.

FALL/WINTER ART CLASSES

Registration is now open for the following fall/winter art courses at the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art: Raku and Potters Wheel, Handbuilding, Potters Wheel and Handbuilding for Beginners, Teen Potters Wheel, Drawing, Painting, Watercolor (Beginners and Advanced), Life Drawing, Cartooning, Drawing and Painting for Teens, Clay Sculpture with Model, Stone Sculpture, Mixed Media Art for Children, and Children's Ceramics.

For more information, contact **Rose Brinder** at 636-1880, ext. 269.

BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood is offering a series of dance lessons in preparation for the upcoming Casino Royale fundraising event. Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings Oct. 9, 16, 23.

The price is $36 per couple for the series. For reservations, with payment in advance, and/or information, call the synagogue office at 221-3433.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Jonathan Livny, Israeli military court judge and journalist, will be the Scholar-in-Residence at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., during the weekend of Oct. 5 and 6.

Jonathan Livny

On Saturday, Oct. 5, he will discuss Israel's Moments of Glory — Absorbing Ethiopian and Russian Olim at the Lunch and Learn (cost is $12 and please reserve by calling 783-6103).

On Sunday morning he will be the guest speaker at the Brotherhood opening breakfast when the topic will be The Peace Conference — "Wishing" for Peace in the Middle East. The time is 9:30 a.m.

RECYCLE YOUR BOOKS

Recycle the books you no longer have room for by donating them to the University College Book Sale at the University of Toronto. This annual book sale is a fundraising event sponsored by the University College alumni and all proceeds go to UC.

To arrange for a pick-up of your books, phone the UC alumni office at 978-2968.

JEWISH DAYCARE CENTRE

Carmel Jewish Daycare Centre, in the Bathurst-Steeles area, runs full day and part-time programs for ages 2 through 5. It offers an English and Hebrew curriculum under the direction of experienced ECE educators in the finest Jewish tradition.

For further details, contact **Chana** at 665-4648.

AT THE LEAH POSLUNS

A new musical play, *The Fellowship*, opens the Leah Posluns Theatre's 15th season on Thursday, Oct. 3.

The Fellowship follows the sometimes humorous, sometimes devastating journey of five disparate individuals whose one common bond is a dependency on alcohol or drugs. It is directed by **Norman Cohen** with book and lyrics by **Bill Dwyer** and music by **Bob Prince**.

The play continues through Oct. 27. For ticket information, call the box office at 630-6752.

MEMBERSHIP EVENING

Chaverim Couples Chapter of Toronto ORT is holding its opening meeting on Sunday, Oct. 6. New members are welcome.

The speaker for the evening will be **Marilyn Somers**, incoming national vice-president, Women's Canadian ORT.

For reservations and further information, call 787-0297.

VIEWMOUNT TINY TOTS

Viewmount Tiny Tots co-operative preschool program for ages 2-3 invites you to join this small enriched program. It runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and offers arts and crafts, songs, free play and much more.

For more information, call **Muriel** at 484-8033.

BE A REENA PAL-UNTEER

Give the gift of friend-shine. Share a portion of your time by becoming a pal-unteer at the Reena Foundation. People with a developmental handicap often need help to maintain an active social life.

By becoming a pal-unteer, the volunteer might go to a movie or a restaurant with the person, or just out for a cup of coffee and a chat. Pal-unteering is no more than being a friend and requires just a few hours once a week.

For further information, contact **Arlene Margolese**, volunteer co-ordinator, at 787-0131.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre is arranging an all-inclusive Miami trip at the Sansouci Hotel Jan. 1-23 including one free night. An additional week is possible. Contact **Teme Kernerman** at the North Y branch at 636-1880, ext. 364.

The Israel trip Nov. 13-Dec. 14 offers three wonderful weeks with an all inclusive package. The cost is $3296 Canadian funds. For more information, call **Teme Kernerman**, Senior Adult Services, at 636-1880, ext. 364.

Registration is currently underway at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Pick up a brochure and find out all about programs and activities.

The beginners International Folk Dancing class at the Bloor Y starts Monday, Oct. 7, from 7:30-9 p.m. It features Israeli, Greek, Scottish and Romanian dances. For information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

The Bloor Y is offering an eight-week workshop, What's Parenting Anyways, geared to the working mother. It begins Monday, Oct. 7, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, call **Florence Marantz** at 924-6211.

The aquatics department at the Bloor Y is featuring PAD I Scuba course — Open Water certification. This award is recognized throughout the world. Your next chance to enter this exciting underwater world is Tuesday, Oct. 8. Call **Frances** at 924-6211 for more details.

Also offered at the Bloor Y is the Royal Life Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross on Sundays at 5 p.m. starting Oct. 6...The Red Cross Leader course is held on Thursdays beginning Oct. 10 at 5:30 p.m. For more information on these and other aquatic courses, call **Frances** at 924-6211.

The JCC North/East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7:30-11 p.m. The cost is $3 per session. For information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

The JCC N/E Valley Singles Connection invites you to take a walk on the wild side! Come to the main entrance of the Inn on the Park on Sundays at 11 a.m. to walk through Sunnybrook Park. Ask for **Marlene**. For information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

The Singles Connection softball group meets on Thursday evenings at 6:45 behind the tennis courts at the North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Bring your own equipment. For more information, call **Nurit** at above number.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on Sept. 29 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Club Chaverim meets for cards and bingo on Monday afternoons from 12:30-4 at the Jewish Community Centre North/East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St. For information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

For seniors who are young at heart and looking for active participation, a new group is starting at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill (bus service available). The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. The program co-ordinator for the City of Vaughan will be present to discuss available programs. For details, call **Viola Landman** or **Itia Golan** at 886-2625.

Earl Bales Senior's Club upcoming events include a dance on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the club house (no charge for members, $1 for non-members); Simchat Torah and Thanksgiving dinner dance on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 7-11 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre with full course dinner and entertainment

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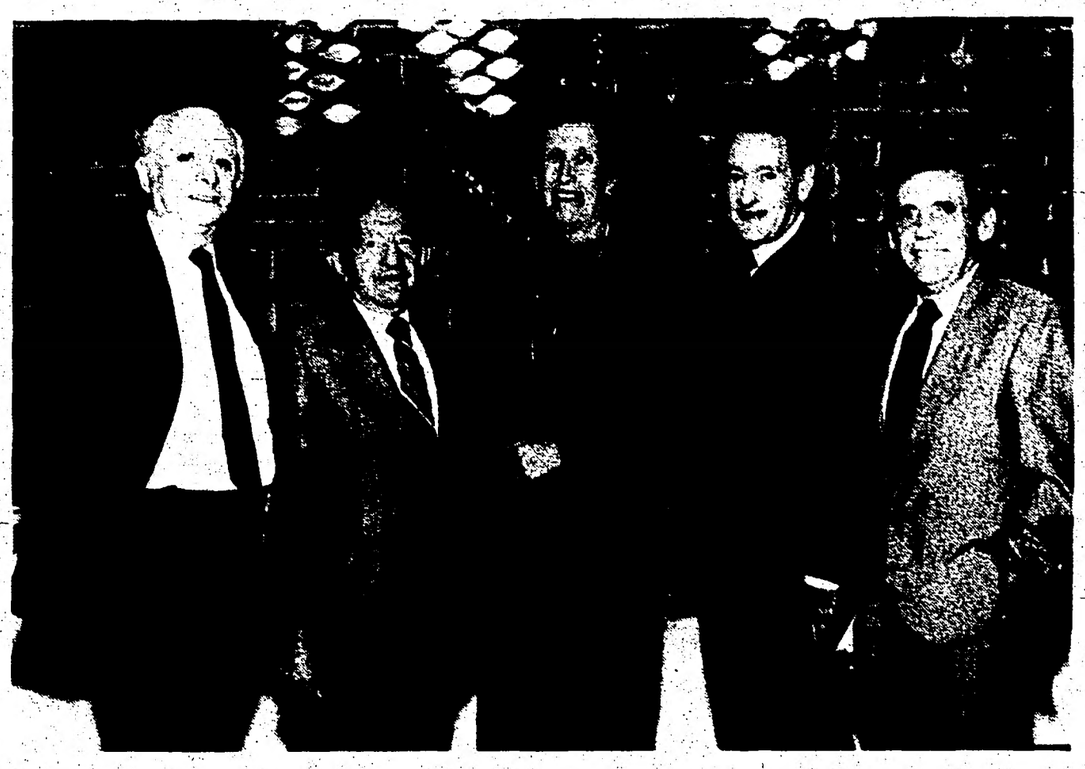
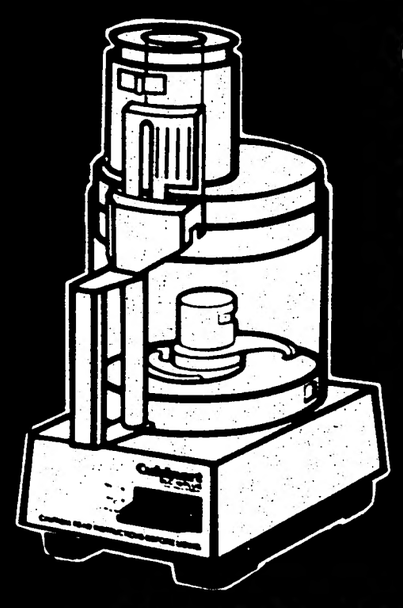
ICRF RECEPTION

Pictured at a reception for Israel Cancer Research Fund recipient Dr. Varda Rotter, are (from left) Ortal Rotter, Dr. Rotter, hosts Gloria and Herb Lepofsky. Dr. Rotter, associate professor at the Weizmann Institute of Science, made one of the most exciting discoveries in cancer research in 1990 — the anti-oncogene p53. She was in Toronto at the invitation of Mount Sinai Hospital and the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation. Israel Cancer Research Fund has supported Dr. Rotter in her innovative work for the past four years.



BONDS DINNER

The Stashiver Young Men's Society and Women's Auxiliary held the annual Bond Dinner at Adath Sholom Synagogue recently. Shown at the dinner are (from left) Steven Hershkop, president; Abraham Bulwa; Yetta Steinberg, Sisterhood chairman; Arie Plotkin, guest speaker; and Henry Jaskolka, Israel Bond chairman. [Arnold Machtinger photo]



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($18 members, $20 non-members); annual bazaar on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the club house; trip for members to Cambridge on Tuesday, Oct. 22, including Seagram's Museum and Knob Hill Farms ($16, bring or buy your own lunch, dessert and coffee free)...Ongoing activities continue. Those interested in playing Mah Jong are asked to call the club office at 636-7856. Also a volunteer to look after this activity would be most welcome.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., reports that the outstanding trip to Israel, Nov. 13-Dec. 4, includes two meals daily, 5-star hotels, all taxes, multi-media programs, folk lore evenings, health event at the Dead Sea, and much more. Also, information on the Miami trips is now available...All programs resume after the High Holidays. Call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923 for information on all trips and activities...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Sunshine Seniors 55 Plus is once again taking registration for North Miami for four, six or eight weeks at the Colonial Inn. For information, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Shelley Dunkelman** at the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

LZA Seniors Club is now taking registration for the five, seven and nine-week and three-month trips to Miami on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. For details, call **Libby Ravka** at 782-2059...The Cultural Club meets every Tuesday morning at 10 at the Borochov Centre with interesting speakers followed by discussions...Lunch and cold drinks are served every day from Monday to Friday.

Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre, 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills, is holding a community event dealing with health, wealth, and happiness entitled Taylor Your Life on Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attractions include exhibits by community professionals, health and social agencies, demonstrations, entertainment, give-aways and opportunity to purchase. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

The Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., has arranged a social afternoon in the sukkah on Sunday, Sept. 29, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The Good Age Club of the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) and the Toronto Board of Education Continuing Education offer several programs — knitting, bridge, fitness, current events, folk dancing and ceramics. Programs run Monday to Thursday at the Bloor Y. For the schedule, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to Miami for one, two and three months is one of the most reasonable deals in town. Phone **Helen** at 635-6343 from 7-9 a.m. or 7-11 p.m. or at 462-0258 days.

The Chai Folk Dancers of the Jewish Community Centre are looking for dancers to participate in the performing group. If you are interested and have some dance experience in folk dance, ballroom dance or any other form of dance, contact **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

If you are 55 or over, male or female, and interested in keeping your mind and body young, you are inviyed to become part of the friendly, energetic community at **Sheldrake's Second Mile Club**. New friends, recreational fun, travel, cultural and special events, fitness and health activities are a few of the many benefits of membership. The address is 65 Sheldrake Blvd. (six blocks north of Eglinton, east of Yonge). The number to call is 481-4416.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The following four courses are offered in partnership with the North York Board of Education Continuing Education. There is no charge for members of the centre and seniors. The charge for non-members and those outside Metro Toronto is $3.75 per hour — Drama with **Sybil Bendeth** begins Monday, Oct. 7, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Jewelry Making begins Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon; Soapstone Sculpture with **Irene Blogg** begins Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Glitz and Glamor (decorate T-shirts, handbags, whatever) with **Edna Kay** runs Oct. 17-Nov. 21 from 1-3 p.m.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is inaugurating a new pilot project entieled You and Your Adult children: Intergenerational Education for the Older Family. This is not a theraphy group. The results of this group will be the model for a series of parent education workshops to be developed at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in partnership with the centre. The group starts Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 1:30 p.m. with **Dr. Reta Rosen.** Older adults interested in being part of such a group should call **Bookie Kwart** at 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is presenting *The Power of Time*, a film showing how older adults, particularly women, take control of their lives. The date is Thursday, Oct. 3, at 1:30 p.m. This program is co-sponsored by the Awareness Project on the Abuse of the Elderly.

A reminder about the Shaw Festival trip on Thursday, Oct. 3, to see *A Connecticut Yankee*. The price is $38. Register at the information desk.

Also, there's the fall color trip on Wednesday, Oct. 9. This is a country roads tour including coffee and cookie on arrival at Rock haven, a scenic drive to Gallery on the Lake, a visit to stained glass artist village at Lakefield, a country store and a fish luncheon at Beachwood resort. The charge is $37. Register at the information desk.

The Miami trips for members only, offers accommodation at the Sasson Hotel ($1855 Canadian), the Shore Club Hotel ($2900) and the Tarleton Hotel ($2900) plus lots of goodies and exciting extras. For details contact **Barbara Zigler**, co-ordinator of special programs, at 225-2112.

TILE UNVEILING

Dennis Urstein, an Auschwitz survivor, is shown in the Memorial Hall of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Torono located in the Lipa Green Building during a tile unveiling in memory of Holocaust victims. Tiles are inscribed in memory of loved one who were murdered during the Holocaust. For information on how you can inscribe a tile, call Pnina Spetgang at 635-2883, ext. 144/153.

About People

SHAAREI TEFILLAH BROTHERHOOD

Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood's newly installed executive for 1991-92 is headed by president **Jerry Papoff** with first vice-president **Haskell Bahar**, second vice-president and program chairman **Dr. Marshall Train**, treasurer Andrew Kohn, secretary **Ernest Goldsmith** and immediate past president **Charles Laiman**.

A TRIBUTE TO RUTH LEROY

Representatives of 12 Jewish organizations comprising 45,000 members are combining their talents to honor one woman — **Ruth Leroy**, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region.

Ruth Leroy

Mirial Small, past national president of Hadassah-WIZO, and **Pearl Mekler**, past national president of Na'amat Canada, are co-chairing the tribute dinner in Leroy's honor, which will be held at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation on Oct. 31, under the auspices of the CZF.

Guest speaker of the event will be **Prof. Gabriel Ben-Dor**, professor of political science and international affairs from Tel Aviv University, now a visiting professor at York University.

A member of Na'amat (then Pioneer Women) since 1948, Leroy has served in numerous leadership positions in that organization and the CZF. She became president of the CZF in 1989.

Funds from the Ruth Leroy Tribute Dinner will primarily be used to provide CZF scholarships to Jewish youths, both in Canada and Israel. However, a portion will be used to establish a Perpetual Scholarship Fund in Leroy's honor in Na'amat's recently-built Vocational High School in Hadera, Israel.

EXCHANGE PROFESSOR

In the fall of 1990, the University of Toronto and Bar-Ilan University signed an exchange agreement made possible through the generosity of **Dr. Max and Gianna Glassman** who established a fund in support of the exchange program.

Dan Michman

The first exchange professor is **Dan Michman**, a specialist in modern Jewish history and the director of the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research at Bar-Ilan.

While visitors sponsored by the Glassman Fund normally come for one month, Dr. Michman will spend the entire academic year of 1991-92 at the U of T where he will teach Modern History of the Jews and Jewish Leadership Under Nazi Domination.

This was made possible by the contribution of **Leona Finkler**, the Harvey and Sheila Hecker Family Foundation, Shoppers Trust Company, the Weinbaum-Wallerstein Foundation, the Oskar Ascher Schmidt Charitable Fund, the Gertrude and David Sher Foundation, the Edith and Fred Donner Foundation.

singles events

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NEW SOCIAL WORKERS

Eight Canadians received master of social work degrees during commencement exercises for the Block Plan of Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work in Manhattan. Back row (from left) are Karen Levenstein, Sarnia; Shelley Levit-Calnitsky, Winnipeg; Olga Lahmany-Abitan, Toronto; Wurzweiler Dean Sheldon Gelman, Deena Edelstein, Elaine Gerszon and Janice Gluskin, Toronto. Front row (from left) Joel Moses and Ilan Shapiro, Toronto.

Blind Israeli artist Sharon featured by Beit Halochem

TORONTO —

Beit Halochem Canada, the organization that supports the rehabilitation of more than 39,000 disabled Israeli war veterans, will host a public exhibition of original works by renowned blind Israeli artist Zohar Sharon at the Leah Posluns Theatre for four weeks beginning Oct. 2.

The show, entitled Art Insight, represents the first Canadian exhibition for 37-year-old Sharon, who chose to pursue an artistic vocation only after his sight was severely impaired.

Fourteen years ago, while still a 22-year-old army recruit, Sharon was partially blinded when chemicals were splashed into his eyes. In the years following, his sight gradually worsened rendering him completely blind.

Unfortunate circumstances seem to have cultivated an inner-strength and creative passion in Sharon that was vital for his personal survival. Not long after his accident he began experimenting with a paintbrush and with a friend's encouragement and support, soon found himself creating art, eventually leading to his work at Tel Aviv's prestigious Avni Institute.

Sharon says that his blindness lets his imagination run free. "I'm not bound by any restrictions. I can play with my imagination, think all sorts of things that those who can see wouldn't dare to."

At first he was treated as a curiosity. Today Sharon has garnered much recognition and acclaim for his work. His art has been described as unusual, multifaceted and imaginative. His technique is meticulous. Using a knife to define his lines, he then primes his canvas with his own mixture of zinc white and titanium, resulting in a smooth glass-like surface. A Sharon painting can take up to four years to complete and so the artist often works on several paintings at once.

A careful blend of pastels and a predominance of voluptuous female figures are Sharon's trademarks. Upon closer examination, his paintings often contain dual messages: the thigh of a woman may form the base of a horn of an animal, and then you realize that you are looking at the head of a cow interwoven among the nudes.

To ensure a uniform look to his paintings, Sharon sticks to natural colors, "colors that I can remember." Sharon maintains that it has taken him years to master his struggle with color, or as he says, "to come to terms with color."

Sharon wants as many people as possible to see his work. "I don't want my paintings to sit in a warehouse. I'd rather give them to someone on loan, just as long as others have a chance to enjoy them."

Sharon has exhibited at shows in Haifa, Tel Aviv and New York.

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Organizations and People

Toronto volunteers at a camp for Soviet Jewish children found this Sefer Torah in the window of an antique store in Moscow selling for $1,000 (U.S.)

Canadian teens transmit religion to Soviets kids at summer camp

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

They knew nothing about Shabbat, about lighting candles, about Rosh Hashonah — the one thing they knew was the word Israel.

This is how two young Canadians, Naomi Nusbaum, 21, of Toronto, and Dena Glick, 16, of Montreal, described the Soviet children who attended a Jewish camp near Kharkov in the Ukraine this summer.

The two were volunteers, along with 20 other young Canadians, at a camp operated by the National Council of Synagogue Youth.

"When, at the end of the camp period, we gave them a siddur translated into Russian and also Russian transliterated they said it was the best gift they had ever received in their lives," said Nussbaum.

Glick said the meagre standard of living in the Soviet Union shocked all the volunteers. "We noticed that the Soviet children would not sit on the ground when we asked them to and at first I thought it was because they were spoiled. But they explained that they only had the one shirt or pants for the whole summer and could not afford to get them dirty," she said.

The experience of bringing Judaism to children who had no idea of its values was so exciting that both Nussbaum and Glick want to go back to the Soviet camp again next year.

Maury Kelman, 26, of Toronto, another volunteer, likened Jewish culture in the Soviet Union to a "slumbering giant coming awake after 70 years." He is the son of Rabb Joseph Kelman.

At a Jewish camp in the U.S.S.R. are (from left) Yisrael Levy, an Israeli vounteer, and Naomi Nusbaum and Dena Glick, Toronto volunteers.

"What I remember best is the bus ride from Kharkov to the camp when the youngsters opened the windows wide and sang Hebrew songs as loud as they could," he said.

When the camp closed, he and some of the other volunteers visited Leningrad and Moscow. "When people saw us with our kipas they came up and took Magen Davids from their shirts to show us they were Jewish. Pretty soon a crowd of curious onlookers collected and there were Soviet police nearby but it didn't scare the Jews because they asked us to sing Hatikvah with them. This was a scene in the middle of Moscow's main shopping boulevard. It was fantastic."

Nussbaum was in Moscow when the failed coup by the hardliners started and she was warned by a friend not to visit Red Square as she had planned. A few days later she arrived in Canada to be greeted by the news that Premier Mikhail Gorbachev was back in power.

Kelman also volunteered earlier in the summer at a camp in southern Poland for Jewish children from both Poland and Russia. He said most of the children were from mixed marriages and did not even know they were Jewish until two or three years ago.

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Newfoundland doctor's work to be recognized

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

At a tiny outport in Newfoundland, Dr. Wulf Grobin delivered babies in homes tilting toward the ocean, dog-sledded through storms to get to ailing patients, and pulled 12,000 teeth in a five-year period, 1938-43.

Today, at a hale and hearty age 80, he is preparing to receive an award in early November from the Israel Medical Association in recognition of the bonds he has helped form between doctors in Canada and Israel.

He is a familiar figure in the halls of the Home for the Aged at Baycrest where he has been consultant in diabetes since 1963.

Grobin recalled for The CJN another Yom Kippur when a desperate father crossed a storm-tossed Bonavista Bay because his 12-year-old boy had a high fever. "Unfortunately the Anglican minister told the father it was Yom Kippur and I should not be disturbed. When I heard about that later I was angry because I would have gone. Luckily the father came back the next day and took me in the boat to his boy who had a ruptured appendix and was in terrible shape. I had a small supply of sulfa and I filled him with so much he was literally blue in the face. He recovered."

In 1938 he headed for the outport of Brooklyn across the Atlantic because "I was fed up with sitting around in London, England, where they did not need doctors."

In the outport, where the only other Jews the members of the 60 families there had met were peddlers roaming the island, Grobin was paid $100 by the Newfoundland government and $200 a month from the families who paid $8 a month for all medical services, except confinements and medicines. If he had to go out of the area, on a trip which usually took at least a day, he received $25.

"The poverty was indescribable," he said. "Some families did not even have a kettle."

His own reception as a Jew was a good one, he said, because the community was divided between Anglican and Methodist factions and looked upon him as a neutral.

Dr. Grobin's ties to Israel are life-long. Born in Lithuania, he belonged in his teens to an active Zionist movement that brought him to Basle, Switzerland in 1930 where he served as an aide to Dr. Chaim Weizman, the first president of Israel. He trained in medicine at the University of Basle, Switzerland, and did his residency in London where he met his charming wife, the late Fay Grobin.

Following his years at the outport, he practised internal medicine in St. John's for 12 years and helped found a Hebrew Sunday school. The Jewish community there was a vibrant one, he said.

He came to Toronto in 1958 and was in charge of the diabetic clinic at the Mount Sinai hospital from 1960-80.

Capping a long career in the treatment of diabetes, Grobin says proudly that the disease in those at mid-life and beyond is now preventable or postponable through a change in lifestyle including diet and activity, both mental and physical.

"Fifty per cent of the diabetics in Baycrest are being treated by diet alone, while others are on diet and pills. Less than 15 per-cent of our diabetics are receiving insulin."

Grobin is one of the founders of the Canadian chapter of the Israel Medical Association and is the vice-president of the international association.

Russian nurses upgrade skills at Shaare Zedek

JERUSALEM —

The first group of Russian nurses who undertook an intensive three-month refresher course at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre's School of Nursing felt they had achieved a great deal. Not only did they upgrade their nursing skills, but their Hebrew improved remarkably, and they also became bonded into a very cohesive and friendly group.

Given an end-of-course party, attended by the head nurses from the Centre and staff from different departments where they worked during their course, the eight Russian nurses gave everyone bouquets of flowers in gratitude for the help and friendship they had received.

Two of the group have been offered jobs at Shaare Zedek — one as a practical nurse in the urology department, the other in the department of geriatrics. The success of the course is underscored by the fact that every one of the new immigrants has now been offered work in a Jerusalem hospital.

A new course has just started at Shaare Zedek for 10 newly-arrived Russian nurses. Mostly older women who speak Yiddish, it will be easier to communicate with, and teach them. As the course progresses, they will learn the necessary Hebrew vocabulary for their profession. Qualified nurses in Russia, they will be introduced to Shaare Zedek's sophisticated technology which was not available in Russia.

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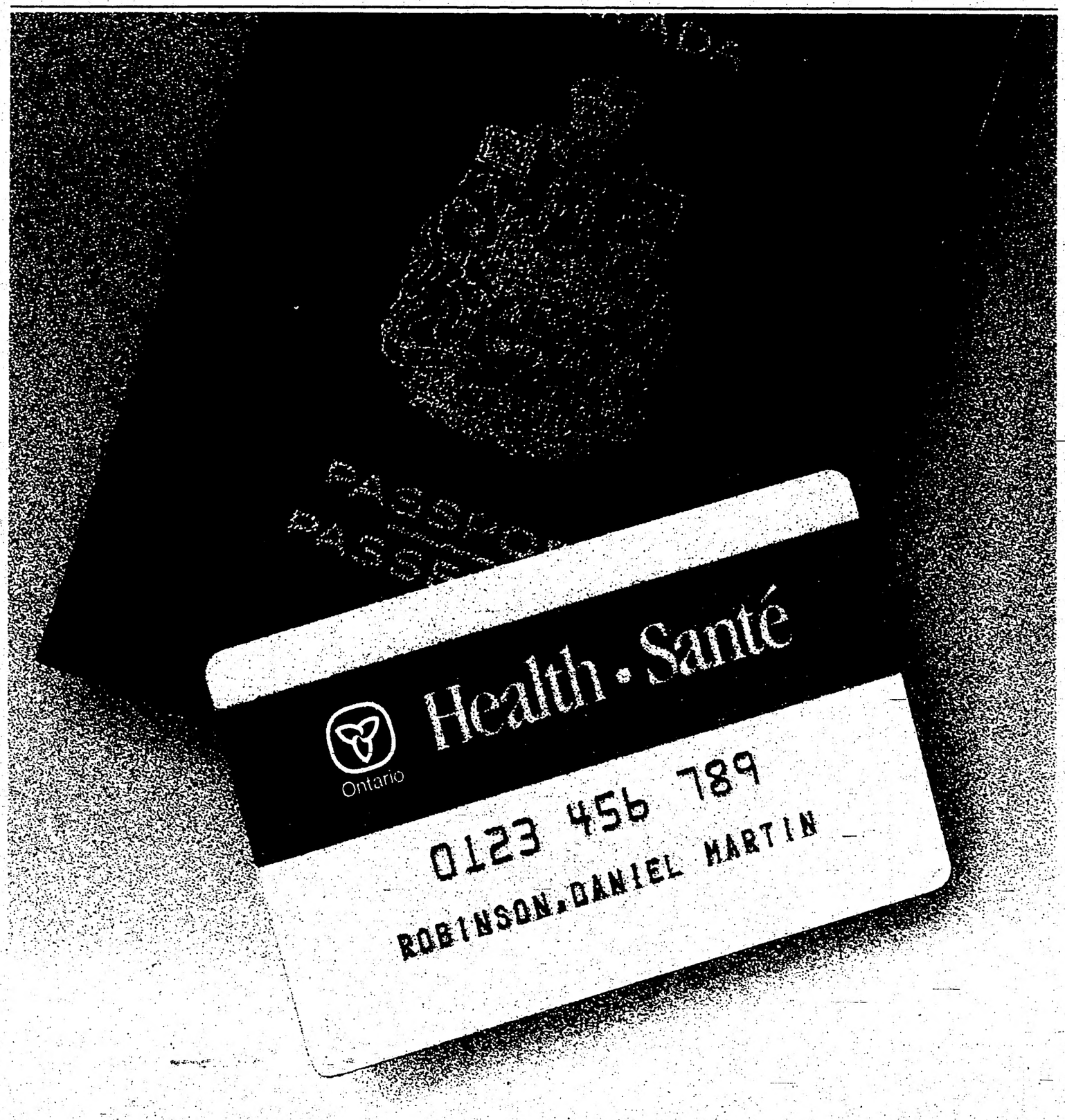

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Organizations and People

Theatre named for Irving Zucker

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Toronto has its Bluma Appeal Theatre, Montreal the Saidye Bronfman Theatre, Halifax the Rebecca Cohen Auditorium and Calgary the Martha Cohen Theatre.

And now, Hamilton has the Irving Zucker Theatre.

The 750-seat main theatre in the new du Maurier Ltd. Centre has been named after Zucker in recognition of a $500,000 gift to Theatre Aquarius, Hamilton's regional professional theatre, which owns and operates the du Maurier Centre.

Irving Zucker

The announcement came at a recent luncheon at the Royal Connaught Hotel in honor of the well known Hamilton philhanthropist and patron of the arts.

And following close on the heels of that announcement came another from the Art Gallery of Hamilton of a gift by Zucker of four major works of art valued at $2.5 million.

The donation consists of three works by renowned Canadian abstract painter Jean-Paul Riopelle and a pair of seated figures by the noted British sculptor Lynn Chadwick.

A native of Hamilton, Zucker grew up in an Orthodox home. "One little bit of yiches," he told The CJN, was that his grandfather was Rabbi Yidel Rosenberg of Montreal, who translated the "five huge volumes" of Zohar into Hebrew from the original Aramaic.

His father, Israel, was a watchmaker and jeweller but Zucker, following service in the RCAF during World War II, went into the broadcasting business and established a successful network of radio stations in Ontario and the Maritimes.

The radio stations, which included Hamilton's CHIQ and CHAM, have since been sold and Zucker's business interests are now chiefly in real estate.

From his father and mother "I learned never to send anyone away from my door," said Zucker, whose generosity has benefited both the Jewish and general community.

Most recently, he was co-chairman, with Arthur Weisz, of the fund-raising campaign for the Shalom Village nursing home, where a wing has been named for the Zucker family.

And he has also just been named as Hamilton's major contributor to the newly established yeshiva here.

A former Negev Dinner honoree, Zucker has been actively involved with JNF, UJA and Israel Bonds, was among the small group of businessmen who put up the money for the new JCC, and has long been co-chairman, with Anne Mandell, of the Hamilton chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

And, added Zucker, a member of Hamilton's three synagogues and described by Rabbi Bernard Baskin, rabbi emeritus of Temple Anshe Sholom, as among Hamilton's "great benefactors" at the luncheon, "I also support the Lubavitchers."

His support of local institutions ranges from St. Joseph's Hospital to the Hamilton Public Library, Opera Hamilton and a scholarship for a National Ballet student to the annual Irving Zucker lecture, established 18 years ago, at the McMaster University school of business.

Zucker has also been "very, very supportive" of the Hamilton Art Gallery, said president Jordan Livingston, who indicated that the gallery is "working on" further gifts from the philanthropist . . . "a great plus for the gallery," as Livingston put it.

But it is the Zucker Theatre that will, in the public mind, firmly link Zucker's name with the cultural life of this city.

Established 19 years ago by artistic director Peter Mandia, Theatre Aquarius has long nurtured the dream of its own theatre instead of the Studio Theatre at Hamilton Place, which was originally intended to be used only as a rehearsal hall.

The new $11.8 million theatre on King William Street, which was designed by Peter Smith, who also designed the Festival Theatre at Niagara-on-the-Lake and is currently working on the new Mirvish theatre in Toronto, so impressed Zucker that the moment "I got in the door and looked around," he told guests at the luncheon in his honor, "I was sold!"

The theatre opens officially on September 27 with Man Of La Mancha and on September 25, Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn, who is unable to be present on opening night, will attend a special preview.

A gala Northern Lights Night has also been scheduled for Oct. 20.

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BBYO reunion gets new venue

TORONTO —

Due to an overwhelming response from (AZA) Aleph Zadik Aleph and (BBG) B'nai Brith Girls alumni, B'nai Brith Youth Organization's alumni reunion has been changed to Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Constellation Hotel.

Since the group's Missing Persons publicity advertising campaign kicked off in July, more than 1,200 names have been verified and entered into BBYO's alumni data bank. Originally scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 23 at Adath Israel Synagogue, the Constellation's larger facilities are required.

BBYO regional director, Lisa Nerman, said she is thrilled with the number of alumni contacting the organization daily. "With their help, I'm sure BBYO will be able to keep offering quality leadership programs for years to come," she added.

B'nai Brith Canada recently stopped funding BBYO — an integral part of the Canadian Jewish Community since 1924.

All AZA and BBG alumni are urged to call (416) 635-9411 to make sure their names are in the data bank.

For more information, contact: Lisa Nerman, B'nai Brith Youth Organization (416) 635-9411, (416) 635-9416.

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Organizations and People

North York Mayor Mel Lastman (left), B'nai Brith Canada's Paul Marcus and Liberal MP Jim Peterson (right) flank NAHON members, who staged a rally for Syrian Jewry recently.

Okanagan edifice being scaled down

By
MAURICE LUCOW

KELOWNA, B.C. —
The Okanagan Jewish Community Association, which was hoping to have its new community centre and shul ready in time for High Holiday services, is "running behind schedule," reports Bob Levin, the association chairman.

Levin told The CJN in a phone interview that the original plans for the centre are being scaled down because the cost would run "well above our budget."

Levin said the plans have been revised and it's believed they will now fit in with the costs which the association feels it can afford. Construction work is expected to get under way shortly and a target date for completion has been set for next spring, possibly around Passover.

Meanwhile, the association is planning a multicultural concert on Oct. 19 as a fundraiser. The event, arranged under the chairmanship of Donna Rubideau, will offer performances by members of a number of multicultural groups in Kelowna, said Levin. Each group is donating one act. The show will be presented at the Kelowna Community Theatre and tickets will be sold to the general community.

According to a *Canadian Press* report in the *Victoria Times-Colonist* newspaper, Kelowna "is growing fast," and now has a population of about 100,000. Located on the eastern shore of Okanagan Lake, it's the focal point of the Okanagan Valley and the B.C. Interior's most populous city.

"It's stature as a retirement area is increasing," says the story, "but other people are also making the move, lured primarily by a balmy climate and relaxed lifestyle."

Syrian Jews held without charge

[Cont'd. from page 2]

• Rachamon Darwish and Joseph Rathoul Sabato, who are in jail in Aleppo. They have been imprisoned without charge since last September.

Darwish's pregnant wife Grace was also imprisoned but she was released in January following the birth, in jail, of her child.

There has been some good news, Carr told The CJN.

Zaki Sabato and Meyer Dahoud Pinhas, who were imprisoned on unspecified charges in Qamishli in August 1990, were released in April. Their health, however, is not known.

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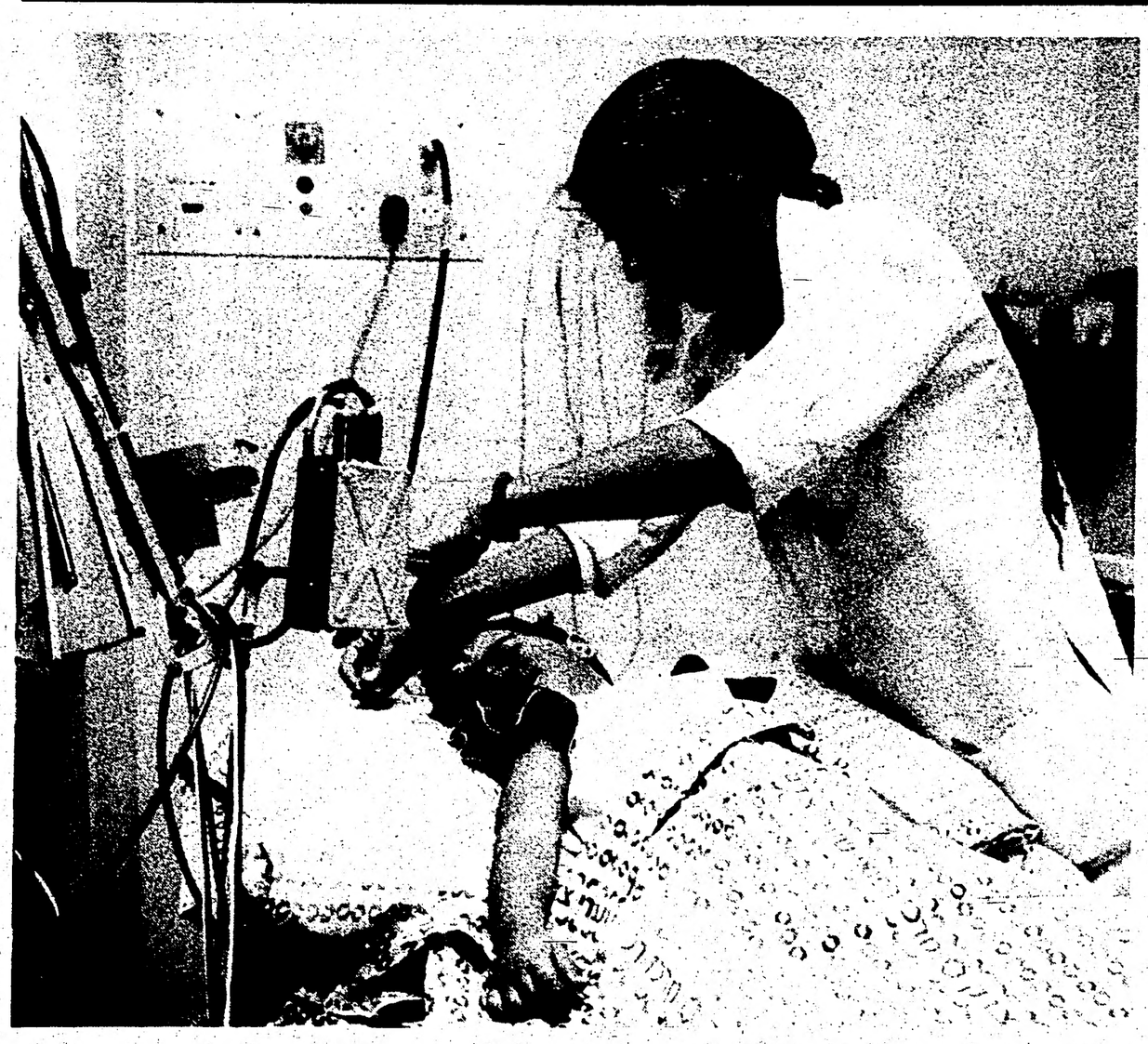

Shaare Zedek's Pediatric Sleep Laboratory.

Clinic tackles sleep disorders

JERUSALEM —

Ruthie, 3, awakes screaming in the middle of the night. Her mother holds her as she continues sobbing wildly for several minutes until gradually, she relaxes and goes back to sleep. She remembers nothing in the morning.

Doron, 7, sleepwalks. His terrified parents watch him as he gets up, eyes open, staring and glassy and walks through the living room, straight out to the street, unlocking the front door on his way.

Six-year old Ariel has epileptic seizures while he sleeps.

Maya, aged 9, rhythmically bangs her head while falling asleep and then thrashes around with her limbs during sleep.

These and many more are patients of Dr. Naomi Amir in her Pediatric Sleep Disorder Clinic and Laboratory at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. The clinic is an important component of Pediatric Neurological Services, which she directs, assisted by a team of pediatric neurologists and multidisciplinary auxiliary staff, including child psychologists, physiotherapists, language and communication specialists and electro-encephalographers. The unit is also a national referral centre.

The sleep laboratory is a dramatic concept. Half a child's time is spent sleeping. This does not mean just a lack of activity, but an active process which depends on the normal biochemical and physiological processes of the brain.

Dreams, which we associate with sleep, can be replaced not only with occasional nightmares, but also real night terrors when children's sleep patterns become disordered.

Children can't recall episodes

Nightmares are dreams with vivid and frightening content, but night terrors are characterized by arousal, agitation and symptoms like large pupils, sweating, and increased blood pressure. Afterwards, the child has complete amnesia of the entire episode.

Sometimes night terrors may overlap with sleepwalking, and may rarely be precipitated by deep emotional stress. Unlike nightmares, which most children experience at times, night terrors require sleep laboratory evaluation.

Sleep walking is another sleep disorder which is treated in Shaare Zedek's pediatric sleep laboratory. In addition to the walking — much more common in children than adults — it can cause purposeless and clumsy movements as well as a fumbling with objects while mumbling or moaning.

The child does not respond to voices but usually can be led back to bed. Afterwards he has only fragmentary, vague memories of the event which can last from 15 seconds to 30 minutes. In most cases, an EEG (electroencephalogram) and the timing of the sleepwalking and associated behavior allows for straightforward diagnosis and treatment by Amir and her staff.

An epileptic child may have a disorder of sleep unrelated to his epilepsy. The only way for the pediatric neurologist to differentiate between sleep terrors and epileptic seizures is to evaluate the child in the sleep laboratory.

Otherwise, night terrors might be misdiagnosed as epileptic symptoms, leading to the unnecessary addition of drugs. Disorders of sleep cross many medical specialty boundaries and range from minor disturbances to life-threatening conditions.

Sleep problems are frequent in childhood and Shaare Zedek's Sleep Disorder Clinic and Laboratory is making a significant contribution by treating the complex amalgam of physiological and behavioral processes which can result in disruption of the child's entire life.

School stresses a warm atmosphere

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

RICHMOND HILL —

One of the main goals of Ohalei Yoseph Yitzchak, one of Richmond Hill's newest afternoon Hebrew schools, is to make Judaism come alive.

Chai Cohen, school director, says that by emphasizing the practical aspect of Judaism, students "live as well as learn Yiddishkeit. Once a child sees it in action, Judaism really becomes something positive in his life."

He says that the school, which also operates a branch on Patricia Avenue in North York has organized such events as a kosher food fair.

"We invited various kosher restaurants and food establishments and had them provide a sampling of their wares. This way kids learn not only why we keep kosher, but also how much fun it can really be."

As well, children learn about such things as giving tzedakah and how mezuzahs and tefillen are written. "When we teach, we really want it to be on the level of the kids. We want them to see that most things that they learn can be applied to everyday life."

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Cohen adds that the school, for children between the ages of five and 14, will be getting computers upon which children will be able to work on Jewish programs.

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He says that "what makes a Hebrew school work is stressing a positive, warm atmoshphere. This makes it fun for the children to attend and keeps them looking forward to coming back."

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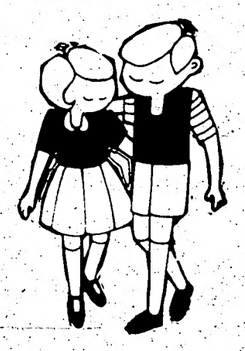

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Alcott vies for Hall of Fame

By
MARVIN GLASSMAN

Many professional athletes start thinking about retiring at 35. But not golfer Amy Alcott. She seems to be blossoming with age.

Just 13 days prior to her 35th birthday, she sank her third career hole-in-one during the $500,000 Phar-Mor Classic in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

For Alcott, the ace was a boost of confidence as she began the 1991 professional circuit last spring. She went on to capture her 29th major tournament — the Nabisco Dinah Shore classic in Rancho Mirage, Calif. — leaving her only one tournament win away from entry into the prestigious Ladies Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame. Only 11 golfers have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Though she finished a disappointing 44th at the recent du Maurier Classic in Vancouver, Alcott's 1991 earnings have reached $240,481, bringing her 15-year career total to about $2.5 million.

She rebounded successfully in 1991 after a poor season in 1990.

A key reason for the disappointing performance was the death due to cancer of Alcott's mother, Lee, in June 1990.

"I lost my best friend who supported me emotionally throughout my career," she said. "I probably made a mistake in coming back on the circuit too soon. Golf is a game that requires me to be totally focused and mentally alert. That wasn't the case in the past season. Now, I feel rested, eager and ready to play."

Alcott started her winning ways as a teenager after taking lessons at a country club in her hometown of Pacific Palisades, Calif. She won the third tournament she entered and highlighted her short amateur career by winning the USGA Junior Girls title at 17.

Hits ball from left to right

A key ingredient to her early success was being coached by Walter Keller. Keller spotted Alcott's early flair for the game and predicted a winner.

"Physically, Amy had the ideal build — I called her 'my little racehorse' because she started winning right from the third tournament she entered. Amy's [strength] allows her to hit the ball from left to right, which is extremely difficult to do even for many of the professional woman golfers today," Keller said.

Keller, 82, took Alcott under his wing in 1973 and has remained her coach and a trusted confidante.

Almost immediately after turning pro in 1975, she started having success. She won the Orange Blossom Classic, only her fourth pro tournament during her inaugural season, was rookie of the year and followed up with two more tournament victories in 1976.

Alcott captured eight more titles over the next four years, including the prestigious U.S. Open and Peter Jackson Classic, earning over $350,000.

After nine more titles between 1984-87, Alcott once again made history at the 1988 Nabisco Dinah Shore Invitational. Her $80,000 prize money for finishing first enabled her to become only the third LPGA golfer to surpass the $2 million mark in career earnings.

"It [the Shore invitational] was an event I'll never forget," Alcott recalled. "The moment I won I was so happy that I jumped in a nearby lake and took my caddy in with me."

Off the links, Alcott spends time as a short order cook at the Butterfly Bakery in Los Angeles where she said "the pressure of getting an order right is greater than sinking a putt."

She is also involved in multiple charities and has her own annual charity golf tournament to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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It was standing room only at the annual Rosh Hashanah toast held recently at Bank Leumi (Canada). The guests included bank customers, chartered accountants, lawyers and bankers. Among the participants were (from left) T.C. MacMillan, president and CEO, the Chase Manhattan Bank of Canada; Menachem Inbar, president and CEO, Bank Leumi (Canada); Donald Carr, vice-chairman, Bank Leumi (Canada); Alex Grossman, president, Belmont Properties, Inc.; and Leonard Eisen, treasurer, The Oshawa Group.

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Arts

Exhibit on Siberia shows area's diversity

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Siberia.

Few words conjur up more negative images than the name for a huge, sparsely-inhabited stretch of the Soviet Union where decades of hyperbole have led millions to believe that the place is little more than a giant, frozen gulag.

In movies, jokes and books, Siberia is a place that makes Whitehorse look like Palm Springs, where millions of poor souls were shipped for thinking bad thoughts of Joe Stalin and where a stint in the salt mines would make strong men weep.

As with most exaggerations, there are hints of truth in all those. But Siberia is also a place teeming with life, culture, history and where the will to survive among its patchwork, multi-ethnic population is second to nowhere.

Keenly aware of all that, the Ontario Science Centre (OSC) has mounted the world-premiere showing of Siberia: The Spirit of Survival, a collection of artifacts, photos, native clothes, and tools of survival that are testament to the region's rich customs and its peoples' amazing ability to thrive in a forbidding landscape.

The exhibit, organized jointly by the OSC and two Soviet museums, mirrors a surprisingly fascinating part of the globe. Spanning eight time zones, Siberia stretches from the Urals to the Pacific and incorporates geography ranging from green to frozen solid. It's been populated for 6,000 years by about 20 distinct aboriginal peoples, each speaking their own dialect. Rich in oil and natural gas, the vast region still lies mainly unspoiled, filled with forests, tundra and natural wildlife.

The OSC show focuses mainly on the Yamal peninsula, an outcrop of land in northwestern Siberia where the population has grown tenfold over the past 30 years.

On display are eating and hunting utensils, native costumes and art, skis, shipbuilding technologies and sunglasses made of fish skin to enable hunters to pursue prey over ice and snow during the blinding daylight hours.

But Siberia's dark side is also presented, warts and all: as a place where roughly four million (even today's open KBG doesn't know exactly how many) political prisoners, artists, intellectuals and counter-revolutionaries were worked to death or perished from sickness, hunger and extreme cold under the regimes of both Lenin and Stalin.

The first victims of Siberia were those who spoke out against the 1917 October Revolution. After that, entire ethnic groups, among them Turks, Germans, Tatars and Jews, were shipped off, most never to return.

Jews first went to Siberia willingly, to escape Russian conquerers of Lithuania in 1632. At the beginning of the 19th century, Jews were among the convicts exiled to Siberia. Stalin shipped tens of thousands of Jews there on suspicion of Zionist activity. They joined hoardes of other wretched souls in building Stalin's trans-polar railway, a 1,250 km effort that was abandoned after the Soviet leader's death.

The exhibit houses a chilling display of prisoners' uniforms, death certificates, tools, food ration cards and the clothes they had to wear to protect them from minus 60 degree weather.

An actual convicts' barrack, complete with artifacts and searchlights, is painstakingly reconstructed. So abundant were work camps in Siberia that, as the exhibit tells us, 47 have been discovered in a 340 km strip of the Yamal peninsula alone.

The display continues to Jan 5.

For details, call (416) 429-4100.

An actual prisoners' barrack will be recreated for Siberia: The Spirit of Survival, at the Ontario Science Centre.

FILM ON LODZ GHETTO

Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski lived between hope and fear, believing with every fibre of his being that the Lodz ghetto could be spared if the Jews toiled hard enough for the Nazis. Rumkowski's story is featured in the film Lodz Ghetto directed by Kathryn Taverna and Alan Adelson. **See story on page 32.**

Persoff to appear in Winnipeg play

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
For the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre, persistence has paid off. After three years of effort, the WJT is finally able to bring Nehemiah Persoff and his one-man tribute to Sholem Aleichem to Winnipeg. It is such a major coup that the theatre board bumped its originally scheduled opening production, *The Tenth Man*, in favor of Persoff.

Persoff, 71, is a true star of stage and screen, going back 40 years in movies from the classic *On The Waterfront* and *Some Like It Hot* to the more modern *Yentl* and *King Lea* and *I'm Not Rappaport* among his more than 30 Broadway roles. He has also been a frequent guest star on television.

Persoff created his Sholem Aleichem production 20 years ago. He won the Los Angeles Drama Circle Award for it in 1971 and takes it on the road as often as he can.

The production consists of five Sholem Aleichem stories Persoff has adapted. All set in a typical Russian Jewish shtetl called Kasrilevka, the stories, in the words of WJT publicist Jill Brandes, "combine laughter and tears. Even the saddest moments have their humor."

The Winnipeg production, coinciding with the 75th anniversary of Sholem Aleichem's death, is scheduled to run Oct. 9-20.

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Arts

Go Away is strong and poignant.

Soviet film examines early century pogrom

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Fear and foreboding, mingled with mirth, pervade *Go Away*, a Soviet film about the imminence of a pogrom in a Russian village in the early part of this century.

Screened at the recent Festival of Festivals, *Go Away* is strong and poignant, all the more so because it's Dmitry Astrakhan's debut as a film director. Astrakhan possesses a rare gift. He can shift gear in mid-course. He can mix lightheartedness with horror.

The central figure is Motl Rabinovich, th proprietor of a modest dairy. Motl is a family man, the husband of Golda, the father of Bielka, the son of Sora. But Motl, an earthy man, is not above frequenting a brothel during a business visit to St. Petersburg.

By all appearances, the Rabinovich clan is reasonably well off. But racial tension breaks the idyll. A horse thief, a gypsy, is beaten to death and left to rot on a road. And then Motl, who's on friendly terms with his Russian neighbors, finds a threatening, anti-Semitic note in his hay wagon.

It bothers him enormously, but Motl manfully carries on, as if nothing is amiss. Motl, however, cannot shut out the distant thunder of pogroms in nearby villages. As the menace draws closer, Motl's Russian friends simulate a pogrom in the hope that their make-believe rampage will dampen the ardor of the anti-Semitic mobs braying for blood.

The danger passes, but re-emerges with a vengeance shortly afterward. The pogromists force moral and practical dilemmas on Motl and his sympathetic Christian comrades.

Should he, Motl, flee? Should Zwan, his Russian friend, stand by him in this hour of duress? What should the village constable do? And what of the local drunk? Should he participate in the looming pogrom?

In a sociologically significant subtheme, Motl's beautiful daughter, Bielka, renounces her faith and marries a Russian in an Orthodox church. But with a pogrom in the offing, Bielka comes face to face with the Jewish roots she has spurned.

Go Away largely unfolds in an idyllic village setting, rendering the idea of a pogrom all the more shocking. Astrakhan flits between the pastoral beauty of the Russian countryside and the hard reality of Black Hundreds pogromists planning an atrocity as they read out lists of potential Jewish victims.

Astrakhan, too, cuts between bleak black-and-white images of Jews who've already been struck down by pogromist savages and the mundane but tranquil existence of village life.

Despite the terrible reality of incipient pogroms, *Go Away* is capable of light, delightful touches — such as Motl's excursion to a cathouse, his testy relationship with Golda and the consummation of Bielka's marriage.

Although the events here cast a heavy pall on Russian-Jewish relations, Astrakhan ultimately leaves a viewer with the positive message that Russian-Jewish amity is not only possible, but necessary.

Concert to aid musical Soviets

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

"Life begins after 65 plus," says Shula Robin, a multi-talented woman who has dedicated herself to helping struggling artists and many immigrants from the Soviet Union to "make ends meet."

On Saturday, Oct. 12 at 8:30 p.m. at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue at 55 Yeomans Rd. in Downsview, Robin is presenting A Festive Concert by the Toronto Virtuosi Ensemble, "to facilitate their exposure to the invited artistic directors who might consider them for future engagements and to present them to the public, who might also find some occasions for engaging some of them."

She says, "I would love to further the careers of these most talented musicians. North America seems to most of them like a desert in comparison with Europe, where every medium-sized city has several concert halls and several opera houses, all subsidized by the respective government.

"I am in awe of great talents and this motivates me to work hard and try my best for them."

After seven years with Ezrath Nashim "the wonderful Jerusalem Hospital," raising substantial funds through annual gala benefit concerts and musical Soirees, Robin decide to retire "and have more time for myself." But her retirement only lasted a few weeks.

She says she succumbed to the artists' requests to manage their musical careers. In the process of engaging Jewish artists from the Soviet Union for the Ezrath Nashim concerts, she became close personal friends with many of them and she couldn't refuse their request for assistance.

"In a sense, some felt lost. Now, I realize that I am filling a much needed gap, as my aim is not directed to personal gain, but rather their gain." To fulfil her desire to help these artists, she established Robin's Artists Management.

Russian ballads and songs

Twelve of Robin's artists will perform at the Oct. 12 concert which will include combinations of string quartet and vocal and instrumental arrangements in a program of classical and romantic music, Russian ballads and folk songs, Italian opera arias and songs in Yiddish and Hebrew.

Also featured will be a premiere of music composed by Michael Shevtsov, who is also a basso singer and conductor, to three of Robin's poems titled, *Springtime*, *A Leaf* and *Although*.

Along with Shevtsov, the concert will feature Vicki Blechta, flautist; Igor Emelianov, baritone; Grigory Goldberg, cellist; baritone, Leonid Karpinski; soprano, Vera Kaushansky; pianist, Shaya Petroff; Uri Samson, viola; Ella Tcheloznova, mezzo-soprano and guitar player; Senia Trubashnik, oboe; pianist, Natalya Tyomkina; and violinist, Arkady Vanivker.

Robin was born in Poland into a well-to-do staunch Zionist family who were part of the Grabski Aliyah (the third) and participated in the opening of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus. Robin lived in Montreal before moving to Toronto.

"I love my people and feel strongly linked with our 5,000 years of history," says Robin. "Each one of us is a walking history and at least one big volume could be filled with unusual details about one's place of birth, living in various countries, and the Holocaust and how it affected us, the living, and our families."

Tickets to the Virtuosi Ensemble concert are $15 and $10 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Beth David office, the Negev Book Store, Israel's Judaica Centre's two locations or by calling (416) 636-0781.

Soviet resettlement examined

NEW YORK —

The Council of Jewish Federations has published the first comprehensive annotated bibliography of materials on the resettlement of Soviet Jews in the United States, Canada and Israel.

Its purpose is to help federations and their service agencies resettle the growing numbers of Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union.

The *CJF Bibliography of Resettlement Resource Materials* features over 500 informative listings, including a unique summary of available bilingual (English-Russian) resource materials.

The bibiliography meets a growing need, as refugee resettlement has become a principal part of the federations' domestic agenda. Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, which began in the mid-1970s, increased dramatically to approximately 40,000 arrivals in 1990, and high levels are projected for the next few years.

As the number of refugees has increased, so have federation services and programs in over 100 resettlement communities.

In addition to listing and describing refugee and volunteer resources, the publication includes items on health, employment, English as a second language, grants, fund raising, and acculturation services ranging from synagogue outreach programs to in-depth research studies.

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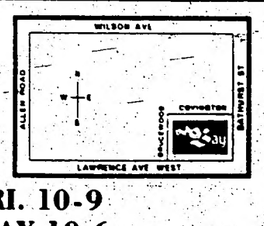

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Arts

Film distills Lodz ghetto horror

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The ghetto in Lodz was the last in Nazi-occupied Poland to be liquidated. But by the time the Germans emptied it in August 1944, the ragged survivors had been humiliated and degraded beyond belief.

Treated like sub-humans, perpetually on the brink of starvation and never knowing when they would be deported, the Jewish inhabitants of Lodz were at the total mercy of their captors, who likened them to a "pestilant abscess."

Lodz Ghetto, a graphic documentary which distills the horror of it all, will be shown at the Bloor Cinema in Toronto from Oct. 4-10. The film, which runs for 103 minutes, will be screened in Montreal and Vancouver later this year.

Inspired by the publication in 1984 of the *Chronicle of the Lodz Ghetto*, it is based on Jewish and German sources.

The story is told through 1,000 black-and-white photographs snapped by ghetto dwellers, color slides taken by an unknown German and six minutes of Nazi film mixed with footage of the ghetto area as it appears today.

Compiled from diaries and other writings by Jews, the script is read by actors, including Theodore Bikel. The alternately purring and intimidating words of ghetto elder Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski are rendered in a high-pitched voice by the late novelist Jerzy Kosinski.

Directed by Kathryn Taverna and Alan Adelson, *Lodz Ghetto* is a bleak cinematic document of despair and hopelessness. Viewers *know* that the ghetto is doomed.

The ghetto lasted until the penultimate year of the Second World War because of its utility to the Germans. It produced military uniforms and small arms and, therefore, was of use to the Nazis, at least for a while.

In a remarkable scene, Rumkowski greets visiting Reichsfuhrer Heinrich Himmler sitting in his open BMW Cabriolet.

"How are you doing here?" Himmler inquires. "We work and we build a city of labor," Rumkowski replies. "Then go on working for the sake of your brethren in the ghetto," counters Himmler. "It will do you good."

The Jews worked to full capacity, but to no avail. Intent on fulfilling the Final Solution, the Nazis flouted the laws of economics, never mind sanity and decency, and gradually decimated the Jewish population of Lodz.

The central figure here is Rumkowski, with his horn-rimmed glasses and shock of white hair. A tragic individual, he lived between hope and fear, believing with every fibre of his being that the ghetto could be spared if only "his" Jews toiled hard enough for their cruel taskmasters.

Whether he was a humanist, megalomaniac or dictator with blood on his hands, history will ultimately judge. But in his haste to please the malevolent Nazis, Rumkowski cooperated with them until the bitter end. Out of desperation, he even surrendered 20,000 children under the age of 10 to the Nazi maw, an event that one observer compared to "a primitive force (sweeping) through the ghetto."

Apart from the spectre of death, the leitmotif in *Lodz Ghetto* is constant, gut-wrenching hunger. People attack food wagons and are beaten back by Jewish policemen. Food deliveries are drastically cut back, causing widespread panic. Ravenous, disease-ridden Jews drop "like poisoned flies." Scarce bread is the ultimate commodity.

In a film replete with heart-rending scenes, the most horrific is that of a German raid on a Jewish hospital, from whose windows new-born infants are flung into waiting trucks.

"We're praying for a miracle, only a miracle can save us," someone says.

But miracles did not materialize. Out of some 200,000 ghetto inhabitants, no more than 800 made it through the Holocaust.

Avi Phillips (right) in To Jew Is Not A Verb.

Television series examines prejudice

Racism is born of ignorance, jealousy and resentment. And unfortunately, children are susceptible to it.

TVOntario's forthcoming series, *Many Voices*, illustrates the hurtful, corrosive nature of prejudice.

Consisting of nine 15-minute episodes which examine stereotyping through children's eyes, *Many Voices* gets underway on Sept. 30. It will be broadcast on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Geared for viewers in grades 4 to 6, it is produced by Barbara Boyden. Each show focuses on a child who's struggling to come to terms with his or her background.

The program of most interest to Jews is *To Jew Is Not A Verb*, to be aired on Nov. 18.

David Zenner (Avi Phillips), a 13-year-old, is trading baseball cards with two friends. One boy accuses David of cheating and says, "You jewed him out of it." To which David retorts: "I didn't jew anyone down."

Although he is Jewish, David is painfully and embarrassingly unaware that the word "Jew" is most certainly not a respectable verb. David labors under another problem. He is ambivalent about his background, being ashamed to tell his non-Jewish friends about his Hebrew lessons.

At a Passover seder with his family, David engages in some haggling with his uncle over the price of the afikoymen. And then David blurts out, "You're trying to jew us down." His uncle, suitably shocked, patiently explains that it's a denigrating phrase.

Feeling contrite, David admits he's ashamed of his ignorance and unintentional self-hatred.

In the final scene, he asks his friends not to use that phrase again. They good naturedly agree, and say they're sorry for having used it in the first place.

Apart from Jews, *Many Voices* deals with such minorities as Muslims, East Indians and native Canadians.

In *Positively Native*, which will be aired on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, a native boy makes a video to dispel myths about his people.

In *Food For Thought*, which will be broadcast on Oct. 7, a Muslim girl from Africa tries to explain to her friends that Muslims are "just ordinary people," not "terrorists."

In *A Sari Tale*, to be shown on Nov. 18, an East Indian girl grapples with an identity crisis.

Judging by these programs, *Many Voices* is an earnest, well-intentioned series. It's a pity, however, that a better time slot could not be found.

Many Voices will be shown precisely when school is in session. In terms of reaching its intended audience, a late afternoon time would be far more sensible.

Failing that, TVOntario should perhaps distribute copies of *Many Voices* to schools. Children in this multicultural province should definitely be exposed to it.

— S.K.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Jewish Literacy by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin Macmillan of Canada $34.95

Here is a brief Jewish literacy test:

What is the Responsa Literature? Who first called the Jews "the people of the book?" What is the Mishna? What was the Bar-Kokhba Rebellion? In which two countries were different editions of the Talmud compiled?

Under what names did the following three Jews achieve international fame? a. Lev Bronstein b. David Green c. Birnbaum.

Which was the first European country to expel the Jews?

Some numerical questions: a. How many Psalms are there? b. How many laws in the Torah? c. How many Scrolls are there in the Bible?

Which fast day is traditionally observed just before Passover? What about the afterlife? What momentous event shook the entire Jewish world in 1492? When was polygamy outlawed among the Jews? What are the beliefs of the Reconstructionist movement? How did the 10 lost tribes become lost? Why was Spinoza excommunicated?

Answers to these and hundreds of similar questions may be found in this valuable compendium of 364 short chapters on almost every aspect of 3,500 years of Jewish history, religion and culture.

Chapters cover the Bible, the Mishna, and the Talmud; the medieval and modern periods in Western and Eastern Europe; Zionism, the Holocaust, and anti-Semitism; American Jewish life and Soviet Jewry; ethics, the ritiuals of life, the Hebrew calendar and the Jewish holidays.

The author, ordained at Yeshiva University and well known as co-author of *The Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism*, brings wit and wealth of anecdotes as well as knowledge and erudition to this readable mini-encyclopedia.

Everyone, even the most informed, can benefit from this wide-ranging volume. I found very few errors, despite the great amount of information conveyed, apart from a number of erroneous references to the practises of Reform Judaism.

Where did the author get the notion, for example, that the Reform movement "insists that divorcing couples procure only a civil and not a religious divorce." Insists? Certainly, this is far from the case.

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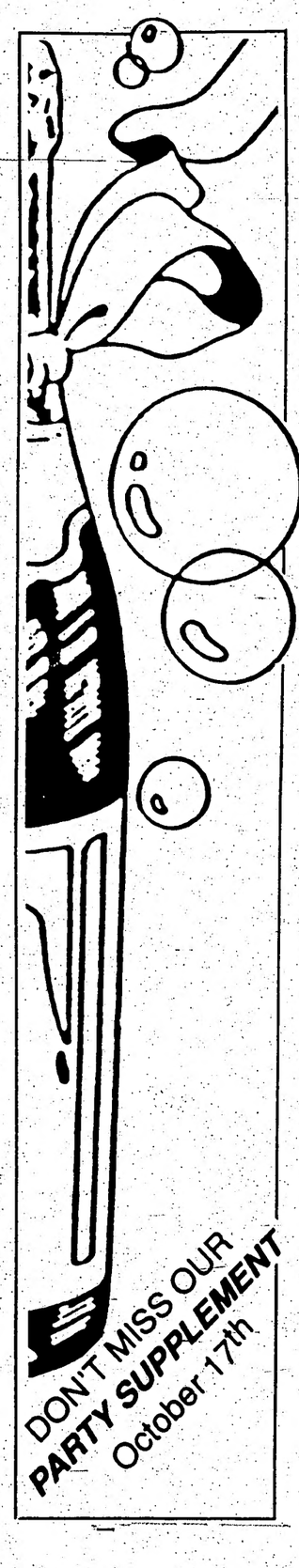

Arts

Symphony finds new home

By
PAULA CITRON

NORTH YORK —
The face is familiar but the orchestra is different.

For 18 years violinist Morry Kernerman graced the Toronto Symphony, ultimately assuming the important role of assistant concertmaster; these days he's the concertmaster of the North York Symphony, the amateur orchestra that opens this season's concerts on the evening of Sept. 28 and a matinee on Sept. 29 at its new home, the Leah Posluns Theatre.

"I've always liked working with good amateurs," says Kernerman, 66, "and I'm using the word 'amateur' in the best possible sense. These are people who did not pursue music as a career, but kept up their interest.

"For example, my brother is a book publisher in Israel but he's also an excellent cellist who practises string quartets every day. For the most part, amateurs are idealistic musicians — they wouldn't take money for playing music because then it would become work. In the NYS's violin section, I'm surrounded by doctors who play music as a labor of love."

Kernerman has been a member of two world-class orchestras — the TSO, and prior to that, the Montreal Symphony under Zubin Mehta. "Although it was gratifying working with great professional orchestras, the standards were demanding and the pressure was great, particularly the political pressure. There was a feeling of losing one's identity in a large group and lacking control over your musical destiny.

"In a large orchestra with its heavy bureaucracy, musical decisions are made without your involvement and musicians have very little input into the repertory. Compliance is your role. In the long run, I guess making music as a profession bothered me because it robs you of your idealism. I was never happy with the politics and I left the orchestra because I had reached a stage in my life when I was tired of the rat race."

When he left the TSO two years ago, Kernerman assumed that he would continue his busy freelance career which included working as a guest concertmaster, solo violinist and coaching youth orchestras all over the world. He was quite surprised when NYS maestro Kerry Stratton approached him about joining the amateur group. Both Stratton, and Kernerman's friend and orchestra member, cellist David Miller, talked him into becoming concertmaster.

No regrets

Now entering his second season with the orchestra, Kernerman has no regrets. "I had never worked with Kerry before, nor had I heard the orchestra, but once I was with them, I found it a lot of fun. The players are so committed, they treat rehearsals like a religious pilgrimage. The playing may not be up to the standard of the TSO but that doesn't prevent the orchestra from being enjoyable from an audience point of view."

Being concertmaster of the NYS is a far more active role than any Kernerman previously played in his professional orchestras. "We have one long rehearsal every week and Kerry often lets me take the violins on my own. They look to me for guidance while I coach them on their style of bowing, for example, to try and achieve uniformity."

In fact, Kernerman is just one of several outstanding musicians Stratton has attracted to his orchestra. The others principals of the string sections are all well-known professional musicians in their own right. Cellist Miller, violist Mark Childs and double bassist David Lasker, along with Kernerman, form a real cornerstone in building up a strong orchestra and providing a resident string quartet for a chamber music series in the future. There are also professional musicians in other key principal chairs as well.

Bringing in key professionals is not the only upgrading Stratton is doing. While the orchestra waits for the North York Performing Arts Centre to be built, its temporary home will be the Leah Posluns Theatre, after 20 years in the Minkler Auditorium. Even though the theatre is half the size, the advantages of the move outweigh the loss of seating.

"I hated the Minkler; it was too big and impersonal and the sound was lousy. We were also treated very badly by the stage hands. We weren't getting the service for the rent we paid; it was a disaster. Kerry is really gung-ho about the Posluns and it's a good bridge until we get our permanent home. The people there are anxious to have us; they're really being accommodating."

There is also an acoustical shell to help the sound. As a theatre, it's a lot more comfortable for the audience from both a seating and a parking point of view. I also think it's significant that the NYS will be playing in a hall deep in the heart of the Jewish community and we're already planning to include 'Jewish music' on our programming."

Holy Blossom's music season starts

TORONTO —
Holy Blossom Temple inaugurates its musical season with a concert on Oct. 5 at 8 p.m.

The world-renowned Dresdner Kreuzchor & Philharmonie will present Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*, under the direction of Gothart Stier-Kreuzkantor. This concert is part of the choir's tour of eight North American cities.

Soloists are tenors Benjamin Maissner and Ralph Erding, soprano Ute Selbig, alto Annette Markert and baritone Andreas Scheibner.

The Dresdner Kreuzchor ranks among the oldest choirs that enjoy a world-wide reputation. Founded in the 13th century in Dresden, Germany, the choir now consists of 150 singers between the ages of 10 and 18, comprising soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices. The choir is able to study and perform any choral music that has ever been composed, and is capable of arranging full-length programs, whether a capella (motets, madrigals folksongs), with instrumental accompaniment, or with chamber orchestra or full orchestra (cantatas, oratorios).

The Kreuzchor presents on average 140 peformances a year, and has toured the Soviet Union, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Finland, Sweden and Japan. This North American tour is being sponsored by the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, as a gesture of reconciliation to the Jewish community.

This performance of *Elijah* marks the opening of Holy Blossom Temple's 1991-92 concert series, which continues in 1992 with a program of Russian music performed by Russian artists on Feb. 12; a weekend with the eminent American composer Bonia Shur, May 1 to 3; an evening with the Canadian Singers on May 27; and a weekend with Cantor Nate Lam, Jan. 24 to 26.

Each concert takes place at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst Street and tickets are $15 for general admission, $10 for seniors and students. Tickets for *Elijah* are available in advance at the temple, or at the door on the night of the concert. For further details, please phone Barabara, 789-3291.

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Frank Rasky's SHOWBIZ SHORTS

She has the frailech face of a Fanny Brice wearing pink wireframe glasses. At 5-foot-4, she looks like a roly-poly latka that has sprouted dark curly hair. And at 48, with nine films under her belt, she wisecracks amusingly like a Jewish Eve Arden.

Frank Rasky

She's the Winnipeg-born screen-writer-director, **Gail Singer**, who garnered lots of publicity ink recently by submitting two film entries to Toronto's Festival of Festivals.

This week she's settling down to her new post as the grandiosely-titled Barker Fairley "Distinguished Visitor in Canadian Culture" at University of Toronto's University College.

"It means I'll have the use of an office for a year while I make myself available to kids studying cinema," Singer told me the other day with a laugh that sounded more haymishe than distinguished. Here are gleanings from my interview:

Her late parents, **Louis and Bertha Singer**, made sure she was bat mitzvahed at Winnipeg's Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, and raised her to challenge vociferously anti-Semites or injustice-mongers of all types.

She has travelled from Israel's Masada to Canada's High Arctic filming documentaries. They include *Abortion Stories From North And South* and one on domestic violence, *Loved, Honored And Bruised*. Her two current films, both scheduled for October release in Toronto theatres, deal with happier subjects.

Her first feature movie, *True Confections*, inspired by the **Sondra Gotlieb** novel, concerns a nice husband-hunting Jewish girl rebelling against Winnipeg conventions in the 1950s.

Wisecracks is a documentary about female standup comics including **Whoopi Goldberg, Phyllis Diller**, and Toronto's **Sandra Shamas** and the lip-sync satirists **The Clichettes**.

Gail Singer, writer, director and wise-cracker.

"Unlike standup male gagsters, the females aren't always 'on' when you interview them off stage," she generalizes. "Maybe that's because the women tend to specialize in observational comedy rather than aggressive, hit-'em-over-the-head humor." Alas, Singer, who is a progressive-minded feminist, quotes one comedienne who complained bitterly about the chauvinist habits of men in the audience: "They look at you twice — once to see the size of your breasts, and once to see how good your act is."

The average professional life of a ballerina is over by the age of 35. **Angela Leigh**, an original principal dancer of the National Ballet of Canada back in 1951, and a gifted choreographer-director of local musical revues such as *O Coward!* and *Noel And Gertie*, was an eloquent guest recently on Global TV's *Time Of Your Life*.

She told the fascinating story of how she made the transition to the successful, brilliant interior designer she has since become (364-8358). She's a supporter of the non-profit Dancer Transition Centre, 66 Charles St. E. (928-9177), which depends on donations and is headed by the equally talented Jewish executive director, former ballerina *Joysanne Sidimus*.

Jeanne Lamon, the Jewish director of the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, has joined forces with Toronto's Opera Atelier to produce Mozart's comic masterpiece, *The Magic Flute*, running from Sept. 26 to Oct. 5 at Elgin Theatre, 189 Yonge (964-6337).

Jewish producer **Lisa Pierce** has joined actresses **Brenda Bazinet** and **Marcia Bennett** of Five & Dime Productions in staging **David Hare's** "bitingly funny" London hit, *The Secret Rapture*, exploring sexual relationships, running from Sept. 26 to Oct. 20 at the Theatre Centre, 1032 Queen W. (538-0988).

Bob Schneider, the Jewish guitarist, songwriter and general charmer of children, will beguile the youngsters with his new *Rainbow Kids Show* Sept. 29 at Minkler Auditorium, 1750 Finch E. (491-8877). His repertoire includes the delightful baseball songs, *Grump In A Slump* and *B. J. Birdy Boogie* which celebrates team mascots.

My quote of the week comes from an ancient Jewish proverb that applies to theatre and literary criticism:

"Do not use an axe to remove a fly from the forehead of a weakling friend."

Leah Posluns to open season

By BEN ROSE

Reva Stern

TORONTO —

The Fellowship a musical play about alcoholics and drug addicts opens the new season at Leah Posluns Theatre Oct. 2-27.

The second offering is *Two* by Dr. Ron Elisha, a Jewish family doctor practising in Melbourne, Australia. Elisha was born in Jerusalem in 1951 and graduated from medical school in Melbourne in 1975.

Starring Nehemiah Persoff, it runs Nov. 20-Dec. 15. Persoff plays Rabbi Chaim Levi in a German town in 1948 to whom Anna comes for language lessons. With energy, intensity and a little humor, the play uncovers the secrets that explode from within to build to a raging climax.

A world premiere, *Mother's Day* will open the theatre's season in 1992, running Jan. 22-Feb. 16. This most unusual play about an 85-year-old mother lying in a coma attended by her 65-year-old son was written by Rubin Carson who grew up in Toronto but is now a magazine writer in Los Angeles.

"This play is like nothing I've ever seen in my life," said theatre director Reva Stern, who worked with Carson on adapting an article by Carson entitled *The Vigil* to the stage. So far it has had only workshop performances in Los Angeles.

The second offering of 1992 is *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* March 4-29. This is the classic Broadway musical hit with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

The fifth and final play (Apr. 29-May 24) has yet to be chosen. Stern told The CJN she is negotiating for a current Broadway show.

One of the six characters in the opening show *The Fellowship* is Jewish. A play which deals with alcoholism and drug addiction is relevant to the Jewish scene today, Stern said. "Since it has music it is like *A Chorus Line* for alcoholics," she said.

The characters play out their lives in a series of therapy meetings replete with much humor. "It carries a dramatic social message," the director said. "It does have strong language, including some f... words."

It will be a Canadian premiere for *Two* which has so far only been produced in Australia, New Zealand, Chicago, London and San Francisco.

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Monolith beckons visitors to land downunder

By
LORI SMITH

YULARA, Australia —

On the way to Ayers Rock, our guide tells us that the local aborigines used to sit at the base of the rock and watch the tourists climb it. They were mystified and amused.

Why would the white people do such a thing?

It is easy to understand why they were puzzled. Their people had lived there for more than 40,000 years and they had never struggled up the steep, smooth slopes holding onto a chain and gasping for breath. But that's what you do when you visit the rock: You climb it.

For most people Ayers Rock is Australia. Along with the Opera House in Sydney, it is the most readily identifiable tourist attraction in the country. This 348-metre-high, iron oxide-coated sedimentary rock is the red heart of the land downunder and it is incredible.

Significant aboriginal population

To reach this desert monolith, you follow the Stuart Highway 233 kilometres south from Alice Springs, and then at Erlunda you turn west on the Lasseter Highway and travel another 240 kilometres until you reach Yulara, the town that is home to all the area's visitors. Ayers Rock is located a further 16 kilometres from Yulara.

The rock is of great significance to both white Australians, the country's aboriginal population and particularly to the area's aboriginal tribes — the Yankunytjatjara, who are its traditional owners, the Pitjantjatjara and the Ngaanyatjara. It now is properly referred to as Uluru, which is the Pitjantjatjara name for a rock hole located there, and along with Kata Tjuta or The Olgas, it plays an essential part in their Dreamtime beliefs.

The aboriginal people believe that in the beginning the world was a shapeless void from which their ancestors emerged to create the plants, animals and other natural features. Uluru is evidence of the incredible feats they were able to perform. Since then every aboriginal has been related to a Dreamtime ancestor and it is their responsibility to protect and preserve their heritage.

The first white man to discover and climb Uluru was William Christie Gosse. On July 19, 1873 he ascended the monolith and named it Ayers Rock after his superior Sir Henry Ayers, the chief secretary of South Australia.

From that time on there were intermittent parties of scientists, surveyors and explorers who reached the rock and climbed it. Then in 1931, Const. Bill MacKinnon made the ascent and signed his name on the summit.

From 1931 to 1947, only 16 Europeans made the climb. But in 1948 the track to Ayers Rock was graded and it became possible to reach the area by vehicle. This marked the beginning of adventure trips to Uluru, and in 1963 a chain was put in to help visitors negotiate the steep path which is situated on the most gradually graded part of the rock.

Since then, the growth of tourist interest in the area has risen dramatically. In 1958, 2,000 people visited the monolith. In 1970, the number grew to 25,000 while in 1984 and 85, 133,000 people came to see Ayers Rock.

The increase in visitors required that some thought be given to the development and protection of the area. In 1983, concerned Aboriginal groups gained freehold title to the land as its traditional owners with the understanding that they would immediately lease the park to the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service for 99 years.

To cope with the demands of tourism, Yulara was developed. A joint government and private enterprise project, this multi-award winning town offers visitors a range of accommodation from resort hotel to dormitory to camping and a complete range of services. Ayers Rock and the Olgas are situated in the 132,566-hectare Uluru National Park which is, with the exception of Yulara, boundaried by aboriginal land.

The result is a truly rewarding experience for the visitor. Yulara provides the comforts of home. There are myriad air and land tours offered and ranger guided walks and lectures which deal with the delicate ecology of the area, survival in the Outback and the culture and lifestyle of its inhabitants. In addition, there is the chance to climb Uluru.

For many people, the climb up Ayers Rock is the reason for their visit. In summer, when temperatures can soar to above 50°C the trek up the rock begins in the cool early hours of the morning. During the cold desert winter, climbers are advised to wait until the afternoon when it is a bit warmer.

Despite the fact that people of all ages and shapes climb the steep slopes to the top, it is no easy feat. To date 18 people have died climbing Uluru, five from falls and 13 from heart attacks. Brass plaques at the foot of the climb are grim reminders that it is not an endeavor to be tackled by people in poor physical shape or those with heart conditions, asthma, fear of heights or vertigo.

The first section of the climb is the most difficult. Your heart pounds and your legs ache as you pull yourself along the chain to the top of what is appropriately called Chicken Hill because it is where many people decide to give up.

Once you're over that, there is a series of hills and gullies to negotiate before you reach the summit cairn and put your name in the visitor's book. Then you can rest and enjoy the view of the desert and Kata Tjuta before starting the downward climb. The entire journey takes about two hours but there is no hurry. If you do the climb, stop and rest as frequently as you need to.

Fascinating guided walks

For those with a lot of stamina and for those smart people without the stamina to do the climb in the first place, there are fascinating ranger-guided walks around the base of Uluru which many people find more worthwhile than the climb.

Ayers Rock measures 9.4 kilometres around its base and it takes three to five hours to walk around it. There are rock paintings and interesting caves along with sacred aboriginal sites that are closed to the public.

For those with less time and/or energy there is a plethora of bus tours to and around the monolith that include looks at such natural wonders as Maggie Springs (Mutitjula), Little Ayers Rock (Taputji) and a series of honeycombed caves called The Brain (Ngura). These tours also include a stop at the nearby ranger station which features an aboriginal village display where handicrafts are made in the traditional manner.

Tours to Uluru originate from Yulara and also from Alice Springs.

For many people Ayers Rock is Australia. Along with the Opera House in Sydney, it is the most identifiable tourist attraction in the country. Ayers Rock measures 9.4 kilometres around its base and it takes three to five hours to walk around it. There are rock paintings and interesting caves along with sacred aboriginal sites that are closed to the public.

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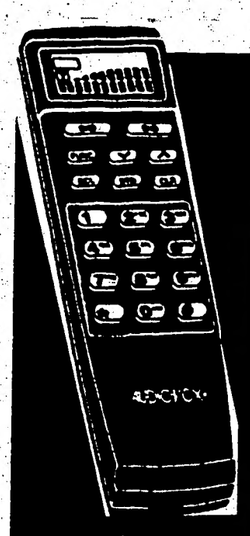

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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

I have only one piece of advice this week for anyone who is trying to decide whether to go to **Israel** this year. Call **Alex Serota**.

If, after talking to him for no more than five minutes, you are still undecided, then you must be brain-dead or afraid of flying. If **Israel** gives out Top Salesman of the Year awards, then **Alex** must have a room in his house just to store these trophies.

Talking to him on the phone the other day I was already packing by the time we said goodbye. The reason? **Alex** and 52 other people are going on a mission to **Israel** next month. They'll be boarding an **El Al** flight Oct. 7 and will be returning Oct. 21.

For **Alex,** this will be his 42nd trip to the **Holy Land.** But to **Alex,** it's more than just a trip and he's not shy about telling you why. "All my adult life I've worked on behalf of the **Jewish State** and these missions are important to me. Going to **Israel** is a mitzvah, and today, it's a mitzvah in more ways than one."

Teaching mission

This mission, like many that **Alex** has conducted in the past, teaches the visitors what **Israel** is all about. As well as visiting both tourist and out-of-the-ordinary sites, the purpose is to give everyone an understanding of the country--its people, its strengths, accomplishments (of which there are many), its problems--and all looked at and discussed from different points of view. It is very much a teaching mission, says **Alex** and that's what makes it so exciting and interesting.

What also helps is the excellent guides, of which **Alex** is one, who can stir the emotions with their feelings and vivid descriptions of their homeland.

Unfortunately, this mission is sold out, but there is always next year. Each year, **Shalom-K Tours** in the **Towne & Country Plaza** at Yonge and Steeles, arranges two missions for **Alex**. The first is in May, the second in September or October.

Alex says he likes to take groups of between 40 and 50. It's much more personalized, comfortable and easier to handle. Next year will be a very special mission, says **Alex.**

It is the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the **Jews** from **Spain** and their flight to **Turkey.**

The mission is being planned in conjunction with **Tel Aviv University** to which **Alex** was recently elected a governor. "We will be retracing their steps," says the enthused accountant who has been a community activist for many years. "The mission will take us to **Spain, Israel and Turkey.** It's very exciting."

And so is talking to **Alex Serota.** If everyone felt as strongly about **Israel** as this man, we'd all sleep easier at night not having to worry about the **Jewish State.**

For information on next year's mission call **Alex** at 223-3750.

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Now some news from our neighbors to the south. No, not the shopping plazas in **Buffalo.** This news from the great state of **Missouri,** better known as **Mizzoura** for any of you **Yankees** that may be travelin' that way.

Seems the **St. Louis Jewish Community Centres Association** is having an eight-day, seven-night **Caribbean** cruise for senior adults from Dec. 8 to 15.

This group of swinging seniors will sail from **Miami** on **Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's Song of America** to **Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Ocho Rios** and **Labadee** (a private port in **Haiti**).

Private activities (naughty, naughty) are being planned in addition to shipboard activities that include revues and shows, dancing, aerobics classes and more.

The group will be escorted by a **JCCA** staff member and representative from **Bon Voyage Travel** which is putting the cruise together. I don't have the price but have been told a discounted price is available.

If you're interested, call **Sally Lang** at (314)432-5700 or **Shirley Weiss, Bon Voyage Travel** at 1-800-771-3597. Sounds like a fun trip and it's a great time to get away.

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Thought for the week: Wealth is always a relative matter. The more wealth you have, the more relatives you hear from.

Cruise holidays offer travellers variety, convenience

TORONTO –

With more vacationers than ever heading for the high seas, cruise holidays are now the fastest-growing segment of the travel market, experts say.

"The biggest changes in cruising over the past decade have involved the lifestyle aboard ship," says Hal Burns, Travel Registrar with the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations (MCCR). "Cruises are far more varied, convenient and affordable than they used to be."

Once vacationers decide on a cruise holiday, they should plan the trip carefully. A few precautions now can help set the path for smooth sailing when the holiday begins, says Burns.

Use travel agent

Travellers should be sure to book their cruises through an agent registered in Ontario. It's usually easier to iron out problems when dealing with a local company than it would be with an agent operating outside the province, Burns says.

All Ontario travel agencies must be registered with MCCR. This ensures they follow the regulations and practices set out in the Ontario Travel Industry Act. It also provides their customers with some financial protection through the Travel Compensation Fund.

According to Burns, travellers should think carefully about booking trips directly with a cruise line using a toll-free number for an out-of-province office. This is a popular marketing tool in the industry, the registrar says.

"While it's an efficient way of making a booking and is usually legitimate, consumers should remember that if anything happens to the cruise line, their funds aren't protected," he warns.

Air/sea combination packages, which provide for connecting flights to the appropriate port, are usually less expensive than booking each portion of the trip separately.

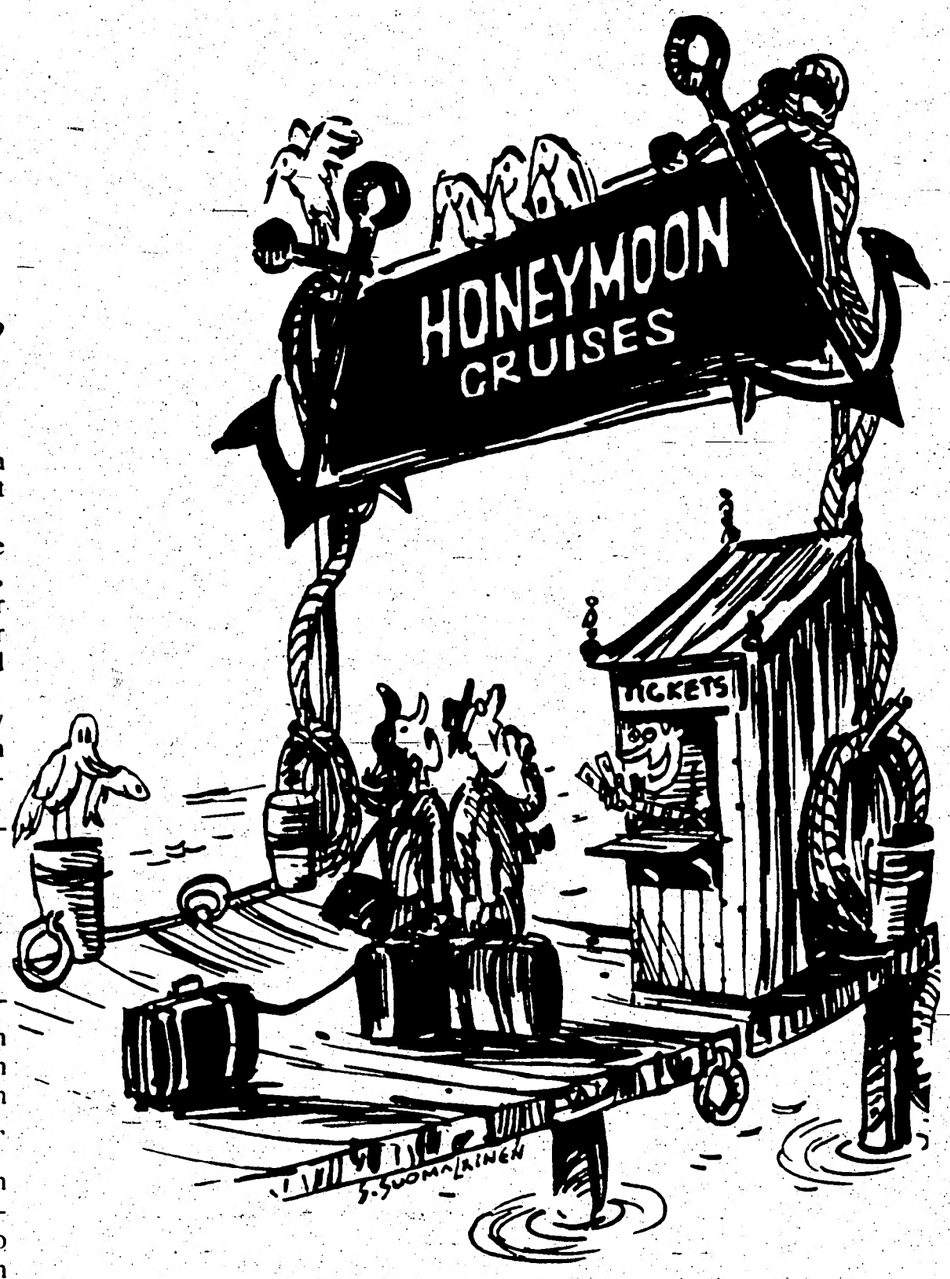
Off-peak bargains, early-bird specials and last-minute discounts can also provide savings, but be certain to research these packages carefully. Price should not be the only factor considered, Burns says.

Choosing a room

Cost will also be affected by choice of accommodations. Air conditioning and modern stabilizing systems make room location less important to comfort than it once was, Burns says. So, when choosing a room, don't just look at location. Compare size, layout and any special features, he suggests.

Should travellers have problems despite careful planning, they should try to resolve them on board. According to the registrar, the best person to see is the purser, one of the ship's administrative officers.

For information about the Travel Compensation Fund, contact MCCR's Consumer Information Centre at 1-800-286-1142. Ontario residents with an 807 area code may call the 416 number collect. The TDD/TTY line for the hearing/speech impaired is (416) 326-8566.



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PR firm maps out strategy to enhance client's image

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

What do Guy Lafleur, Hugh Heron and Robert Campeau have in common?

What do Tetley Tea, Paris Kitchens and Harley Davidson motorcycles have in common?

The answer: The Communications Group Inc., public relations consultants.

Eighteen years ago, David and Rhoda Eisenstadt founded what is today one of the largest independent public relations firms in Toronto.

"The guts of what we do ... the basis of our business, is imaging. We create a picture," Rhoda says.

Whether combating the negative press and one-sided views surrounding Robert Campeau or raising the profile of Paris Kitchens, The Communications Group is concerned with presenting the proper image of a specific person or product.

David and Rhonda Eisenstadt are owners of The Communications Group in Toronto.

"In addition to corporate imaging, we concentrate on individuals as well. However, it's not just the imaging that is important but the position of that image that counts," David says, adding that the majority of their clients may be classified as blue chip and corporate.

What exactly do public relation consultants do?

"We work to a game plan. This involves following a set of objectives, stategies and actions that will be taken. A timetable and a budget is nailed down up front with the client. Everything is determined beforehand so fiscal surprises will be avoided," Davis says.

"This planned and disciplined approach is necessary for the communication process."

As far as a business philosophy is concerned, Rhoda says the approach is pro-active. She adds that David is responsible for actively seeking new business.

"We are like a law or an accounting firm ... what we do is sell time," David says, adding that the cost of the service relates to the amount of time spent on a project.

How has the current recession affected the Eisenstadts' company?

"It has broadened our client base," Rhoda says with a smile.

They are both quick to point out that the make up of their clients is not solely slanted towards the high-tech or real estate industries despite the fact that their backgrounds are conducive to such a mix. David, who worked at IBM, has the high-tech contacts, and Rhoda is a representative for the development and building industry.

At the same time, David says the identical strategic approach is used whether they are creating an image for the Guy Lafleur Flower Power drink or helping to launch Tetley's round tea bags in Canada.

David says that he and Rhoda view their clients as business partners and this is another plus. Much time is spent with the client considering the business and marketing strategies that will be implemented.

"I'm a big fan," says the president of Corporate Affairs for the Herity Corporation.

"One word that always comes to mind when I think of The Communications Group is professionalism. They have a tremendous attitude and they always have the good of the client in mind," says Hugh Heron, adding that they have been a client for the past 11 years.

Professionalism

"There is as much responsibility with the client as there is with The Communications Group. When I say professionalism, I mean when we are incamera with them, they make observations and ask questions you might not want to hear. You don't want someone who is just going to agree with everything that you say."

Alf Robinson, president of Lyons Tetley Canada Ltd., has only been with The Communications Group for one year, but he too praised the company.

"They did very well. I like the fact that the owners are involved personally. David has capable people working for him," he says, adding that the company is on the top of the list when Tetley's considers another public relations campaign.

Both David and Rhoda say they are proud of their clients.

"You don't want to work for everyone ... nor will we. We have to believe in their philosophy, the people and the product ... and we're seldom swayed by a retainer fee."

Over the past 18 years, The Communications Groups has grown from just David, Rhoda and an administrative assistant to a company that has a payroll of 15.

The staff is divided into three groups including consultants, writers and administrative support. David points out that the staff works in teams so all client needs are met.

"Essentially, we are organized to do the right thing at the right time and tell the appropriate target public about it," David says.

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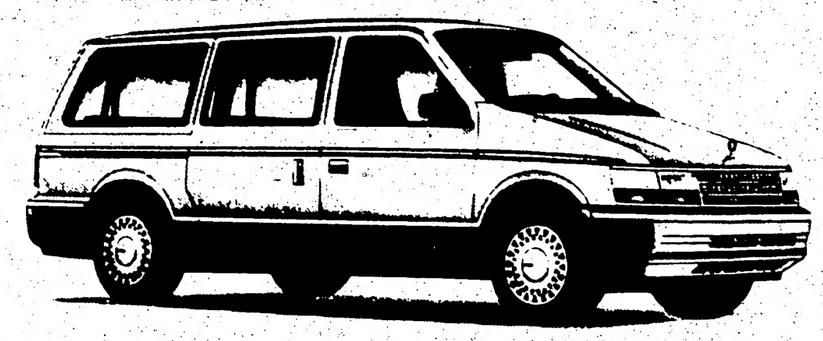
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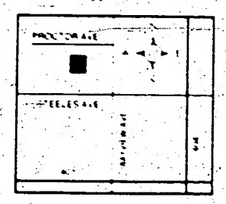

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Mayer Fogel on Sept. 6/91, late of 227 Maxwell St.
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Monty Shiff on Sept. 9/91, late of 630 Roselawn Ave. #408.
Solomon Kliger on Sept. 11/91, late of 189 Haddington Avenue.
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Harry Pearl on Sept. 11/91, late of 981 Warden Avenue.
Mortimer Dancyger on Sept. 12/91, late of 1850 Valley Farm Road #105, Pickering.

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

55 Obituaries

Dick, Ilona on September 8, 1991.
Kagan, Sonia on September 12, 1991 late of North York Extendicare.
Levina, Esia on September 12, 1991, late of 6250 Bathurst St., #1409.
Mandel, Bella on September 14, 1991, late of 22 Shallmar Blvd., #103.
Pollack, Norbert on September 14, 1991.
Riesenbach, Jacob on September 6, 1991, late of 11 Garnier Court.
Rojkovski, Yossef on September 7, 1991.
Rosenberg (Ross), Harry on September 6, 1991.
Rosenthal, Esther on September 9, 1991.
Rubin, Bertha on September 10, 1991, late of 242 Grace Street.
Shar, Julius on September 9, 1991.
Sholomenko, Thania on September 5, 1991.
Smith, Louis on September 12, 1991, late of 28 Clancy Drive.

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

56 **Unveilings**

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Anne Rosswill** take place on Sunday, September 29, 1991, 11:00am, at Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Beth Shalom Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 6640

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Regina Szyjewicz** will take place on Sunday, October 6, 1991, 1:00pm, at Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Workmens Circle Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 6592

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SAM COHEN ז"ל
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SHIVA MEALS

see column 55

Tamir pioneers environmental issues

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Josef Tamir

TORONTO —

"We've reached a critical stage," Josef Tamir warns. "If the [Israeli] government doesn't clean up the environment, we'll be in real trouble."

To hear Tamir tell it, ecological questions have been sadly and badly neglected by the authorities all these years.

"The environment, in my humble opinion, is an issue of the future," he asserts. "If we want to leave our ancestors with a clean country, we must act.

"The Midrash Koheleth Rabbah 7:28 says:

'God took man and let him pass before all the trees of the Garden of Eden, and said to him: See my works, how fine and excellent they are... Think about this and do not corrupt My world; for if you corrupt it, there will be no one to set it right after you.'"

Tamir, a Likud member of the Knesset from 1965 until 1981 and Israel's most outspoken and visible environmental advocate, takes this wisdom to heart.

For 30 years, he has fought vigorously to protect Israel from the harmful effects of air and water pollution.

Tamir was recently in Toronto to attend a meeting of the International Council For Local Environmental Initiatives, of which he is a founder.

In a wide-ranging interview, Tamir waxed indignant at how Israelis are despoiling their land.

He ticked off his grievances:

•Israel's rivers, notably the Yarkon, Hadera, Kishon and Na'aman, have been polluted.

"Even the Jordan River is partly a sewer."

•Many wells have been ruined because of the overusage of underground water sources, or aquifers.

•Government-owned refineries, chemical plants, the Israel Electric Corporation and defence companies pollute the atmosphere because they are not equipped with scrubbers, which would cost about $650 million (U.S.) to install.

•Industry is concentrated amidst populated areas.

According to Tamir, environmental awareness was late in coming to the Jewish state, Israel having been the last Western nation to establish a ministry of environment, in 1988.

"The chalutzim (Zionist pioneers) who founded Israel didn't understand environmental problems." Nor, he maintains, did a succession of prime ministers, from David Ben-Gurion onward.

When Tamir chaired the Knesset interior and environment committee, environmental issues were usually given short shrift. For years, he was "the only meshugener" (crazy one) in parliament who cared. "Israeli parliamentarians prefer to be experts in security and in economic affairs," he says somewhat scornfully.

Nevertheless, there has been progress.

At Tamir's prodding, the Knesset has passed some 20 environmental laws and set aside a day every year to debate ecological questions. (Yet Israeli "greens" have been shut out of the Knesset, for which he blames the proportional representation system.)

At the same time, Israeli universities have introduced a wide range of courses on the environment.

Tamir's efforts have not gone unnoticed. The Council of Beautiful Israel has honored him, as have the Jewish National Fund and the Ministry of Environment

Yitzhak Nebenzahl, the former state comptroller and ombudsman, has said that Tamir's "words and contributions constitute an important contribution to the advancement of issues relating to the envirnoment and quality of life in Israel."

Ronni Milo, the minister of environment, has described him as "Israel's pioneer in the protection of the environment..."

Tamir, who has published literally hundreds of articles on his pet cause, claims that Israeli environmental laws are not enforced because "our people are preoccupied with security and aliyah."

Meanwhile, he points out, environmental degradation continues apace.

In Tamir's view, Israel must seriously begin to conserve its fast-dwindling water supply and turn to desalination on a much larger scale. (Eilat already processes salt water for human consumption.)

And farmers, who use more than half of Israel's water, must root out water-intensive, low-profit crops like citrus and cotton.

If need be, he concludes, the United Nations should create an environmental "Security Council" with the powers to protect the planet.

B.C. candidates queried on issues

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific Region, has sent out a questionaire to all candidates in the forthcoming British Columbia provincial election to gather their views on various matters of Jewish concern. Premier Rita Johnston has called the election for Oct. 17.

Congress says it has received responses from NDP and Liberal candidates but not yet from the ruling Social Credit Party.

Among the questions asked by CJC are the following:

What role do you see the B.C. government playing in combatting hate propaganda and racially-motivated crime?

What are your views on appointing a crown counsel, in the attorney-general office, whose specific responsibilities would include collecting and analyzing available information regarding propagation of racial hatred; monitoring and prosecuting racist groups and individuals; and acting as the liaison for the attorney-general and various ethnic groups in the province?

What is your position on the enactment of a Discriminatory Business Practices Act, such as in Ontario and Manitoba, to prohibit business practices on the basis of race, creed, color, nationality, ancestry, place of origin, and sex? This would prohibit the refusal to do business for fear of the Arab boycott against Israel.

What system should the education system in British Columbia assume in addressing such matters as bias, stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination? Do you believe the Holocaust can be instrumental in addressing these issues?

What commitments should the province make to implement B.C.'s new multicultural policy, announced earlier this year?

What is your position regarding funding by the B.C. government of heritage language programs?

Do you believe the composition of public sector employees should reflect the diversity of ethnic, cultural and religious segments that make up B.C. society? If so, how can these objectives be achieved?

In all, there are 11 questions in the CJC questionnaire. A CJC official said the results will be tabulated and a summary mailed out to members of the B.C. Jewish community as quickly as possible.

In charge of preparation of the questionnaire was Herb Silber, provincial political liaison chairman of the CJC.

A CJC official said it is hoped to arrange an all-party candidates' reception in Vancouver before the election.

BB appoints national committee chairmen

TORONTO —

B'nai Brith Canada president Marilyn Wainberg has announced the appointment of international experts who will serve in the upcoming year as national committee chairmen of the Soviet Jewry, Syrian Jewry, War Crimes, and Israel Affairs committees of the Institute for International Affairs under the leadership of Brian Morris, reappointed to his third term as National Institute chairman.

Morris is the senior partner at the Toronto law firm of Morris and Morris, and a board member of the Canada-Israel Committee.

The following appointments were announced:

Soviet Jewry committee — Aurel Braun is a professor at the University of Toronto. The author of five books, Braun is an expert on Soviet and Eastern Europe policy and was featured prominently on national media broadcasts during the recent attempted coup in the Soviet Union.

Syrian Jewry committee — Michael Schelew is a senior partner in the Toronto law firm of Heifetz, Crozier, and Schelew. A noted human rights advocate, Schelew is past president of the Canadian section of Amnesty International.

War Crimes committee — David Matas is a Winnipeg lawyer. He is the author of the text *Justice Delayed: Nazi War Criminals in Canada* and was legal counsel on behalf of B'nai Brith Canada at the Deschenes Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals.

Israel Affairs committee — Sheldon Lerman is the managing tax partner at the Etobicoke office of the Price Waterhouse accounting firm. In his third year as Israel Affairs committee chair, Lerman also serves as vice-chairman of the Institute.

The Institute is an agency of B'nai Brith Canada with a mandate to protest the abuse of human rights around the world and advocate on behalf of Jewish communities in distress worldwide. The Institute is made up of prominent academics, lawyers and other international experts who serve in a volunteer capacity.

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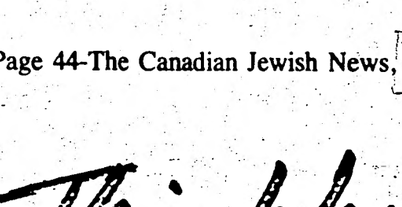

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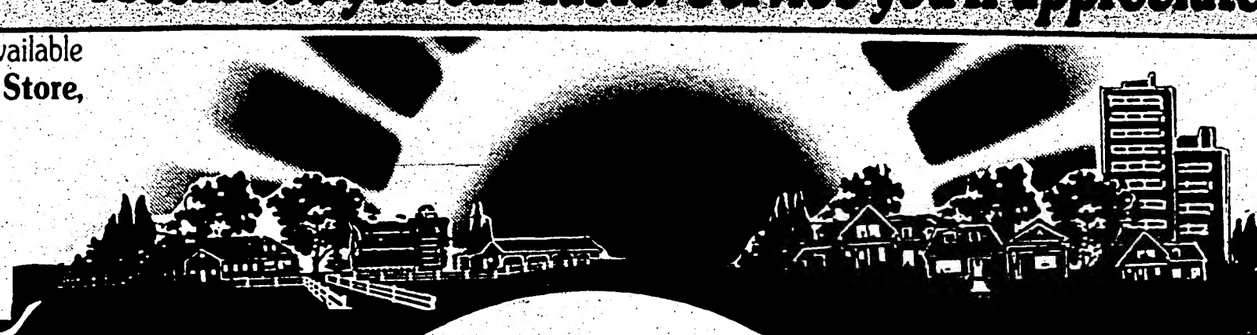

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Running from Friday, Sept. 27 to Sunday, Sept. 29, it's a show that runs the gamut on wedding themes and one not to be missed by any soon-to-be bride.

While it's fine to pore through magazines looking for dresses for you and your attendants, there's nothing like seeing the real thing first hand.

This bridal show will show you all the right attire. You'll get to see what the frocks look like, how they move and they profile when you drop into one of the several fashion shows.

Commentary for the fashion shows will be given by Shannon Gayles, a seasoned and sophisticated veteran of the Toronto fashion show circuit.

The show will be co-ordinated by model-cum-fashion co-ordinator Eda Cucakovich.

Fashion show times: Fri., Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 28, 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 29, 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Also grouped at the show, you'll find almost every wedding service you require within easy walking distance.

In addition to gowns — and you'll see a variety — you'll also be able to talk to top florists on the style of bridal bouquet that will best suit your gown and the type of boutonnieres your groom and the ushers should wear.

You can talk color of arrangement, type of flowers that will lend themselves to the theme you want and also any flowers you'll need.

After you've decided on your flowers, you might want to talk to photographers. If you've never considered having your wedding videotaped, this might be an ideal time to see exactly what's involved.

Next come the caterers. If you thought choosing a wedding gown was complicated without a little help, then you'll soon realize wedding plans can be complicated at the best of times and even picking out a menu can be tough without a few expert opinions.

You need to decide as soon after setting the date as possible whether you want a cocktail reception at home, a small dinner for close friends and family, or a large wedding dinner at a banquet hall or hotel.

You can talk to the catering experts here, compare their opinions and their menus, and you're bound to come away with some good ideas.

But after the wedding's over, both bride and groom need a well-deserved honeymoon from all the wedding hoopla.

That's where the travel specialists in honeymoons come in — and you'll find them here at the show too.

So you see, the show isn't just for bridal fashions. It's got lots to offer the prospective groom too. Because, in addition to tuxedo styles for the groom and his ushers and honeymoon travel, you and your bride can talk to real estate and insurance experts about your first home.

If toying with the idea of buying your first car together, you'll get an idea of what you want by checking out Ford's impressive display of all the new '91 models.

There are lots of prizes offered too.

Every soon-to-be bride who comes to the show receives a copy of several magazines: *Wedding Bells, Today's Bride, The Wedding Pages.*

Then there are the more spectacular grand prize offerings.

Grand prizes include: a wedding gown, five tuxedo rentals for a groom, and a honeymoon trip to Europe.

Times for the Fashion and Bridal Show are: Fri., Sept. 27, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 28, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost of admission: $10 for adults and $5 for seniors and children.

The Galaxy Bridal show will be located at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W.,, second level.

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Everything old looks new again

Restyling by Re's

Is your closet full of many old dresses and coats you know you'll never wear again but don't have the heart to throw out?

You might want to take some of them out, blow off the dust and take them to Re's Studio at 101 Yorkville Ave., Toronto.

Re's Studio is run by Rima Barmak and her sons Dima and Vladi who have a combined experience of over 60 years. They specialize in reconstruction and restyling of designer garments, particularly delicate and complex garments which are of high quality but lack styling.

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Re's has catered to Yorkville's fashion-conscious women for 15 years and has earned an enviable reputation which leads to a lot of word-of-mouth business.

The studio can work with fabrics that are expensive in look and texture, yet reasonably priced and of good quality. No job is too difficult or too complex and Re's can even alter lingerie.

In addition to private clients, Re's Studio does alterations for some of Toronto's leading fashion boutiques including Holt Renfrew, Chez Catherine, Yushi and Eve Et Lui.

Re's has reconstructed the most exclusive garments designed by Montana, Versace, Valentino, Ferre, Basile, Yves St-Laurent, Ungaro, Thierry Mugler, Matsuda and many others.

They can also reproduce any garment from a photograph and even enhance the result.

Here's two examples of the work they do:

A client wanted to put a little razzle dazzle into her spring coat. The trio cropped the jacket to hip length and added two gores to the back with the cut-out fabric. Then they recut and shaped the neckline and front and added a sporty zipper to the sleeves. Three handmade cord buttons and tassel trim to the front and sleeves capped it off.

The reconstruction cost $160. A coat of similar quality would cost upwards of $400. A saving of over $200.

Major surgery was required to restore a plaid wool jacket to turn it into a sleek, modern "dress-for-success" jacket.

They reshaped the neckline and added buttons down the front, hiding them under a placket.

The jacket was shortened through the middle and the Barmaks put tassles around the waist, sleeves and front.

The alterations cost $144. A jacket of similar quality would cost around $300.

With Re's Studio you don't have to go broke keeping in tune with changing styles.

Avi Revah (left) and Benny Shofar (right) are pictured here with Ed Mirvish who attended a recent celebration at Hava Negila.

Thornhill's 'in' spot draws lively crowd

It's not uncommon for Hava Negila Restaurant, located on Centre Street in Thornhill, to be the site of a rollicking party that goes on until 2:00 or 3:00 a.m.

The restaurant, which features live entertainment in the evening, can also be booked for a private party, such as a wedding, bar or bat mitzvah, or anniversary party.

Hava Negila can accommodate 150 people, although you can reserve the entire restaurant even if you only have 65 or 70 guests.

Packages include live music consisting of singer Affi Zohar and keyboardist Tal Levit. Their repertoire includes something for everyone, ranging from Hebrew and Yiddish music to early '60s and more recent selections. They will play "all night until people go home," says Avi Revah, who manages the restaurant with his partner Benny Shofar. There is no surcharge for those who like to dance until the wee hours of the morning.

It is also possible to book one of Hava Negila's floor shows for a private party. They recently featured a cabaret show from Riga, Latvia, with gypsy dancing. Future entertainment bookings include a fiddle duo.

In addition to the music, Revah will arrange decorations such as balloons and flowers, which he gets straight from the distributor, so he can pass on savings to his customers.

He can arrange chupah rentals for those who choose to have their wedding ceremony at the restaurant. There have been three ceremonies held at Hava Negila since Revah and Shofar took over the year-and-a-half-old restaurant about eight months ago.

Hava Negila is "one of a kind," says Revah, referring to the attractive decor and lively atmosphere. "People cannot sit." Not when they can dance.

For more information or to make reservations, call Hava Negila at 731-3406.

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What better way to entice your beau than with a gift he'll keep forever — a drop from the fountain of youth that will hold your beauty, vigor and sensuality for years to come.

Rita Whitham specializes in a different kind of photography--boudoir photography. "I do intimate, personal shots, mostly done in lingerie," she says.

Most of her clients come in to do pre-wedding photos to give to their betrothed, or in later years as an anniversary gift.

"I did a shoot of a girl dressed in lingerie, wearing her wedding veil, standing in front of a full-length brass mirror," Whitham says. "It was very sensual and intimate. As opposed to mainstream wedding photography, I prefer to capture the intimate pre-wedding and post-wedding moments."

Whitham's work is extremely affordable. "I do all the work myself (from photography to developing and printing). I don't send anything out to be done by others," she says. "This ensures a lower price, quality, customer satisfaction and personalized service."

Because she does all the work herself, clients can be assured of privacy and discretion.

Under the bright studio lights, makeup is essential. Whitham has completed two makeup artist courses and continues to update this knowledge by attending seminars.

Just about any woman gets boudoir pictures taken. "I've had girls from as young as 16 to women in their early 40s," Whitham says. "But there's no reason why older women can't do it."

Whitham says that everyone is photogenic when their special and individual beauty is enhanced and captured by a professional.

"I have done a beautiful picture of a woman who is quite overweight. Her husband proudly keeps the picture on his office desk. You don't have to be a 'covergirl' to get this done," Whitham says.

"Women like to see themselves in glamorous, tasteful photographs because they know they can enjoy the beauty that has been captured on film for years to come."

Some of the products she offers include a calendar, a greeting card, a photo album and even a jigsaw puzzle. The calendar comes with 12 different 8 by 12 shots. "It in itself is a beautiful keepsake," she says.

Whitham has a large selection of lingerie, props and sets which are always updated and enhanced for original and exciting results.

Rita Whitham Photography is located in Kleinburg, just north of Canada's Wonderland.

Salon Femme: Where women find 'something special'

Salon Femme. The name conjures up an image of a swank fashion house in Paris where all the beautiful people stop in to pick up that very special outfit.

Now this Salon Femme is not in Paris, which means only good news for you, because except for being in Toronto (now at 325 Eglinton Ave. W.) everything's the same, with just a bit of a twist. The high-quality, high fashion eveningwear that adorns Karen Blume's boutique is for women sizes 16 to 24.

Gone are the days when women seeking larger sizes have to worry about looking chic or finding just the right thing for that special occasion. With the wide selection of exclusive dresses imported from the fashion centres of Europe and the United States, Salon Femme has it.

Owner Blume says hers is the only boutique in Toronto to offer special occasion wear for the women seeking larger sizes. "When women come into the store, it's not a question of will they find an outfit, but which one should they buy — and that's a nice feeling for any shopper to have.

"They are so happy to find many of the styles and fabrics that are shown in designer boutiques or Vogue magazine. What you find at Salon Femme can be seen on the fashion runways of Europe."

Blume points out that in cocktail wear there is something new coming in every few weeks from the United States and Europe.

Because of the excellent service provided their clientele, her sales staff know what their customers are looking for and when an item comes in that fits their needs, they are immediately contacted. Blume says through service like this by staff that have been with the store for many years, a loyal and satisfied customer base has been established.

Salon Femme's line of sequined and beaded evening jackets and cocktail and gown length dresses are perfect for mothers of the bride and groom, as well as wedding guests.

Blume says her customers have a choice of having their dresses highly elaborate or a little more subdued and in a variety of materials and trimmings such as beading or lace, depending on the time and place of the simcha.

"These days," says Blume, "I've found that afternoon weddings have become quite popular, so cocktail-length dresses are a big seller." She stresses that whatever the customer chooses, her excellent dressmaking department makes all women look like they are wearing a made-to-measure dress when "they walk out our door."

"People really do come here first when they want something very special."

In mid-November Salon Femme will be moving to new digs down the street two blocks to 514 Eglinton Ave. W. But wherever they go, fashion-conscious women seeking larger sizes will definately find them.

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Knitted fabrics Wechsler trademark

"If you maintain quality and service it's a winning and lasting combination," says designer Adele Wechsler.

This formula has obviously worked, since the 30-year-old mother of two has been successful in the retail business for over eight years.

The fashion design graduate from Durban, South Africa started in the wholesale/design end but then decided to open a retail outlet on Eglinton Avenue and now has a very sleek looking shop on Avenue Road.

Her strength, she says, has been in knitting, and her fashions always incorporate this with non-knit fabrics.

"I use knits purely as a medium and treat them as I would any fabric," she says.

So hanging in closets and up front on the racks are a strong collection of mixed textures, all, of course, featuring knitted fabric.

Her unique designs really hit the heights when she shows off her wedding gowns. She loves combining knits with lace knits with chiffon or brocade or beautifully-encrusted embroidery, again featuring knits.

"Many brides for whom I design are in their late 20s and up. They're career women, sophisticated and not comfortable in big Cinderella style gowns. They want to wear these outfits again if they can," says the self-confident designer.

Heading to the bridal section of her 2,100 square-foot store, Wechsler starts showing her sample gowns. Here brides-to-be can choose a neckline, or a waist treatment, the length, the sleeve and the fabric. There's a plethora of sumptuous styles.

For instance. There's ribbon lace appliqued with pearls and a knit top in ivory which goes with a ribboned lace skirt. The special thrust here is the detachable silk organza tulip shaped over skirt ($2,800).

Since ivory is her special choice of color for a bride, there's a heavy ribbon lace with pearls and sequin beaded top with a ruched ribbon hip detail, lace sleeves and matching skirt ($2,800) or a lovely traditional Swiss silk with lace inserts, a scalloped hem, gathered puff shoulder and tapered sleeves. This with lace applique on the bodice, skirt and sleeves ($2,150).

A champagne brocade is a smash with a dropped "V" waist and wide scooped neckline ($1,500).

Mothers-of-the-bride can go wild with the selection for their ensemble. It's usually harder to find a suitable outfit for this bridal party member but Wechsler has wisely put a lot of thought into this area and come up with several winners.

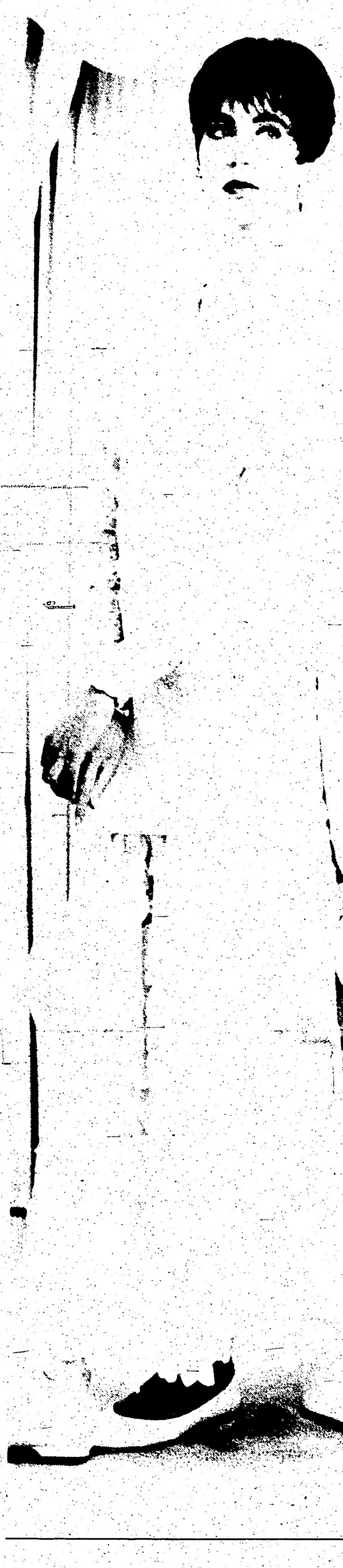
Embroidered chiffon with a deep neckline jacket, more lace and knits, all in appropriate colors of soft dove grey, pink, ecru. But then there are the cases of laces to choose from plus the many bolts of fabric stacked in her sewing area.

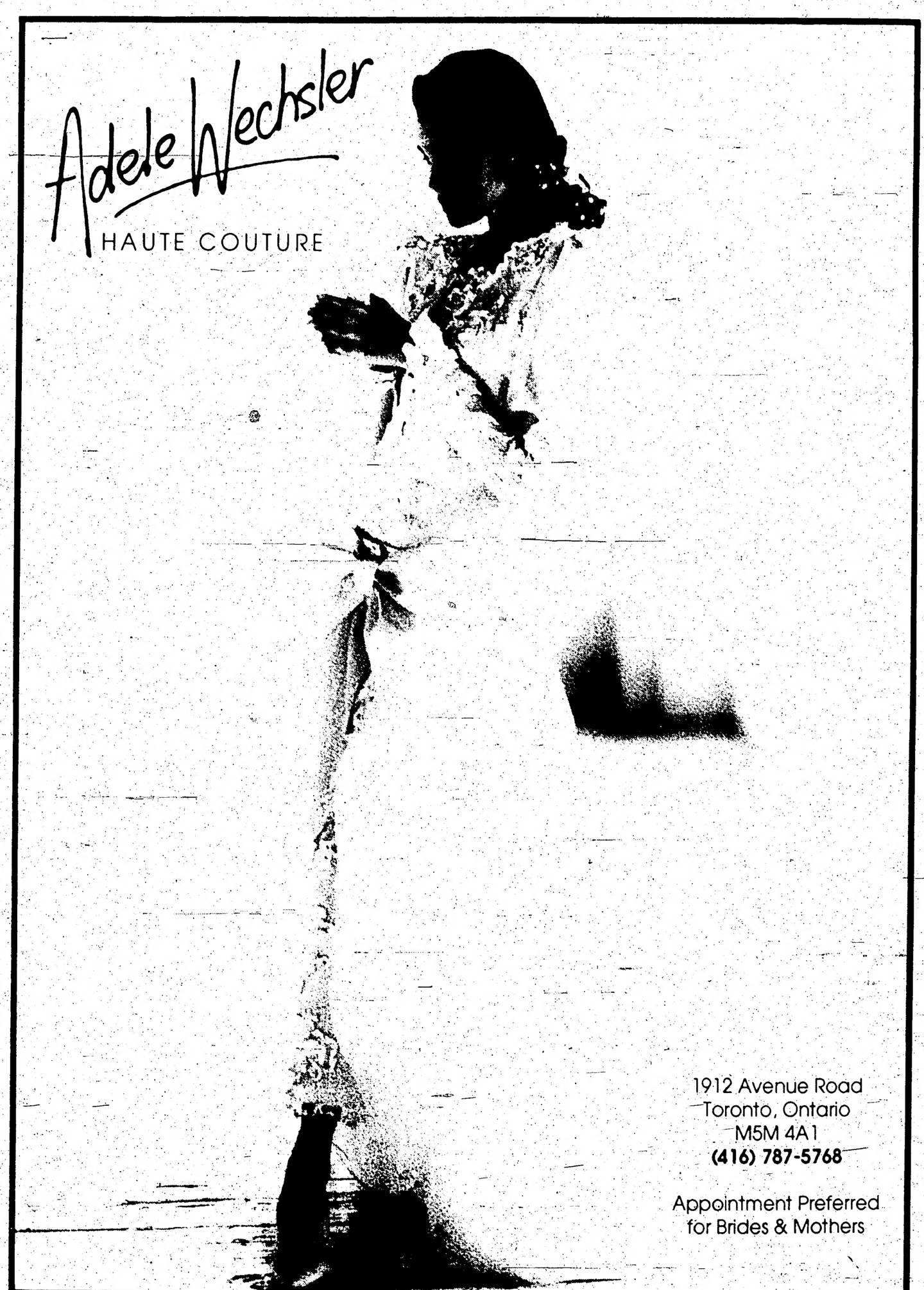
Adele Wechsler has cleverly designed feminine headpieces to go with the gowns. A pill box hat has a large bow with the tails flowing as a train. And the always popular garland is made in tulle with soft hand-made silk flowers to which she adds cascading fabrics which match the gown of choice.

Although the brides and their mothers need not go any further, Adele has also done an interesting collection for the fall/winter from daywear to evening. Her colors are vibrant her lines clean.

"I call them impact clothes," she says. But the classic lines are there. Evening wear includes brocades, lace, tapestry, organza and chiffon all mixed neatly with her specialty, knits.

For unique, well made clothes in beautiful fabrics, interesting designs and great service, Adele Wechsler can fill all the above.





Marcello Tarantino

Catering to those who expect the best

"I love fussy people. That's what my business is about," says Marcello Tarantino, one of Canada's preeminent bespoke tailors and clothiers. Tarantino has made a career out of catering to people who expect the best. A perfectionist himself, he's been providing clothes for a discerning carriage trade for the last 19 years, from his headquarters at Hazelton Ave. in Toronto's prestigious Yorkville area.

Tarantino's commitment to excellence started in his native Italy, where, at the age of 10, he was apprenticed to a local tailor after school. "The tailor had my grandfather's sewing machine. Both my grandfathers had been tailors," he remembers. "I fell in love with seeing my first suit being cut."

In his teens, Tarantino moved to Canada where he again worked part-time for a Toronto tailor while completing high school. He then attended the Ontario College of Art, which no doubt accounts for his artist's understanding of balance and form. He later left for a two year study tour of Europe. During that time he gained more firsthand knowledge of the fashion industry by visiting the fabric mills, manufacturers, designers and tailors in Italy, France and Germany.

In 1972, Tarantino opened his own boutique on Toronto's fashionable Hazelton Avenue. With his dedication to using only the world's most luxurious cloth and his faithfulness to the fine art of bespoke hand tailoring, he has since built a loyal clientele from across Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia.

Through his association with Scabal, the famous European maker of refined woollens and silks, Tarantino became the Canadian agent for Scabal's recently established ready-to-wear line in 1984. Successful in establishing Scabal on the Canadian market, Tarantino is now an important member of the company's design team and represents Scabal clothing and the company's more casual, Scarab, line of sweaters, jackets, trousers and shirts in Canada, the United States and Mexico.

Never one to rest on his creative laurels, Tarantino is also the designer behind a new suede and leather line under his own label, produced in Italy, by Toaldo. This line has recently been introduced in both North America and Europe.

The culmination of his talents are truly exemplified in his new haute couture collection of hand tailored suits and evening wear. Both collections were presented at the Exclusive Show, held in July, at Le Parker Meridien Hotel in New York.

Marcello Tarantino, 17 Hazelton Avenue, Toronto, Canada M5R 2E1.

Brides treated like queens

Ready-to-wear evening clothes that fit like custom-made garments is the trademark of Lina's Boutique on 1901 Weston Road at Lawrence Ave. W.

Sam Pollari, store manager, says that the store prides itself on its private salons in which the bride and each member of the bridal party get personal attention. "Although it is a ready-to-wear store, it does not have the concept of a ready-to-wear store. Each person is treated like she is our only customer."

He says that many of the dresses, priced upwards from $600 are bought in Europe and all are of the latest fashions. "Every year we go to Europe on a buying trip and stock the store with a variety of garments from the most traditional to the avant garde. The European look really spices up a collection."

The traditional gown is quite important among brides this year and Lina's carries a wide selection of elaborately beaded gowns in a variety of necklines, sleeve lengths and trains. "Most brides have some idea of what they want when they come into the store and even if we do not have the exact dress they have in mind we are usually able to please them. They may even see a gown they had never thought of before and fall in love with it," says Pollari.

Alterations are also a specialty and Pollari says that no one leaves the store until the garment is a perfect fit. "We don't give up until a gown looks as if it was made for the customer."

He stresses that one of the benefits of the store is that it provides one-stop shopping for the bridal party. "The mother of the bride, mother of the groom and the bride herself can find an elegant gown without looking all over the city."

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If you're thinking of a great place to propose to your special one, or perhaps to celebrate an anniversary, think no further than Paparazzi Restaurant and Nightclub in Richmond Hill.

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Designed by architect Alejandro Margulis, the setting is a breathtaking, neo-classical design. Ceilings climb to 18 feet, huge windows set their sights on the twinkling city lights and massive pillars, marble, chrome and geometric designs create an almost futuristic, yet mythical dining experience.

Cleverly designed halogen fixtures create a romantic, comfortable glow.

Born out of a need for a high-end dining and night club experience in Richmond Hill, the restaurant has met with a great response from diners. For its busiest nights, Fridays and Saturdays, be sure to make reservations two or three weeks in advance.

This great attention to design is equally given to the sumptuous Italian food on its lunch and dinner menus.

The fun really begins at about 10:30 p.m. when Paparazzi lives up to its glittering name. The huge wall that separates the dining room and the nightclub is raised and the two rooms become one, seating up to 600 people.

The sound, at 8,000 watts of power, fills the air with music, inviting you to dance. A brilliant laser light show explodes onto the dance floor, bouncing off walls and windows, ricocheting off strategically placed mirrors.

The club has a $15 cover charge, but this is waived with dinner.

Paparazzi is located at 270 W. Beaver Creek Rd., Richmond Hill. Drive up Higway 404 to Highway 7, then drive a few blocks to West Beaver Creek Road and turn right. From Yonge and St. Clair, this should take you 15 minutes.

For reservations call 886-6239.

Customer is king at Bronson's

The old adage, the customer is always right, is strictly enforced today at Bronson's China & Gifts, says owner Ilene Bronsteter.

"This is a customer service oriented store," she says.

This is an important factor for any business but in one that deals with new brides, it is essential.

"I think we have one of the best bridal registries in the country," Bronsteter announces proudly.

She describes the atmosphere in the store as relaxed, very friendly and not intimidating. The highly-qualified staff are ready to supply helpful service without pressure.

The registry service is one that can cater to all budgets. Bronsteter says the huge selection of quality items means the store has something for everyone.

The well-stocked store carries both modern and contemporary designs as well as traditional pieces. Bronsteter says her staff members are trained to work with brides to put an entire table together.

The 7,000 sqare foot store contains a complete range of kitchen and decorative giftware. Bronsteter adds that her stock is constantly updated so brides are sure to receive the latest in home decorating items.

Some of the special services Bronson's provides include gift wrapping and same day delivery, corporate and office sales and telephone orders. The computerized inventory means quick service.

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Rebecca Simpson, 1991

When Rebecca Monson and Alan Simpson got engaged, they shopped around until they found the one place they were comfortable with in registering their bridal selection. They wanted to try and co-ordinate all their gifts, they wanted to be able to choose from a large selection and they wanted to register with people who cared. They found exactly what they were looking for at BRONSON'S.

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O Mei success is no surprise

When you find a restaurant as good as Omei you have to ask yourself, "What could be better?" The answer: Two Omei and that's exactly how owner Ringo Ip felt.

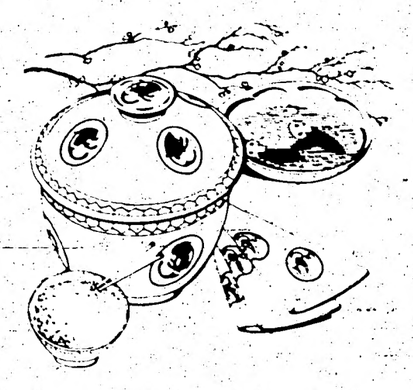
For eight years he had seen his restaurant at Sheppard and Bathurst successfully grow into what his customers tell him is the best Chinese restaurant in Metro Toronto.

But being the astute businessman he is, Ringo also was aware that a large Jewish population was settling in the Thornhill, Richmond Hill area. As most of his business comes from the Jewish community, Ringo decided to open another restaurant — an Omei North so to speak.

It was a risk, says Ringo, because even though "this whole area was growing, I wasn't in the kind of heavily populated area I enjoyed at Bathurst and Sheppard." He needn't have worried. Within a few months of opening on Highway 7 between Bayview and Leslie business was booming.

Although the new O Mei is somewhat larger and has a modern decor, everything else remained the same, from the excellent service and quality to the food, specializing in Szechuan and Peking cuisine and seafood.

The new restaurant also offers a private VIP room that has proved popular with patrons. And the demand on both restaurants for weddings, bachelor parties, birthday parties and business meetings remains strong.



Ringo has also introduced a video singalong machine called a Karaoke system that has proved very popular with customers at the Bathurst and Sheppard location.

Success, they say, depends on how hard one works and no-one works harder than Ringo and his staff to make their customers happy and satisfied. The food is excellent, the service impeccable. What more could you want from a restaurant? Looking at the smiling faces of both adults and children who dine at either of the O Mei's, they seem to have it all.

For reservations call 635-5050 for Sheppard location, or 881-8188 for Hwy. 7.

Locations helps couples settle

The owner of Locations Residential Real Estate Services Inc. says his company supplies all the services that are needed when newlyweds are considering the purchase of their first home.

David Stein explains that while his company is new to Thornhill, the sister company, Commercial Residential Services Inc., has been operating in downtown Toronto for the past six years.

Stein cited a number of reasons why first-time home buyers should use his firm.

To begin with, he stresses the stability of the company. His is not a fly-by-night operation. Hand-in-hand with this comment, Stein points out that based on their longevity, the reputation of Locations is well-known. Also, the thrust of their business is taking care of new families.

Stein, who is recently married himself and whose wife is expecting a baby, knows what an important step buying a house is to couples.

He adds that he and his agents are proud of the knowledge and information they have concerning every neighborhood in the area. It is this kind of information that allows Locations' agents to match each couple with a house or condo that is right for them.

Stein stresses the commitment and experience that is common to all his agents. These attributes, he claims are his assurance that all clients will be well looked after.

Decide with your head

The promotional work Locations does is another reason for choosing the firm. Stein explains that the agents use the appropriate promotional advertisements that ensure a positive purchase for the client.

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Asked if he had advice for any first-time buyer, Stein replies, "Every real estate transaction is a business decision ... and all decisions should be made by the head and not with the heart."

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Dorota believes in personal touch

Any woman who wants quality and personal service when she shops for clothes will find them at Dorota International Imports located in what was once the Dior boutique of Creeds.

Specializing in Italian imports, Dorota carries cruise wear and beach wear year-round, as well as dressier clothes suitable for synagogue, going away outfits or evening wear. They also carry an exclusive line of lingerie by La Perla.

Dorothy Gallo and her staff provide consulting and wardrobe co-ordination at no charge. "We can accommodate any client," says Gallo, who has set up after-hours appointments for clients wanting privacy. She has also arranged appointments at the homes of clients who were unable to come to the store.

Another Gallo touch is that "we keep track of social events, so that clients don't end up wearing the same thing."

Some of the Italian designer labels she carries are Harriet Selling (exclusive to her) and Alberta Ferretti. "We cater to a classic look for any age," says Gallo, who is also Dorota's buyer. "We offer the best fabrics: cashmeres, wools, silks." The emphasis is on quality.

Fit is also of utmost importance for a classic, elegant look. "We have a fabulous seamstress," says Gallo. "We have (our clothes) tailored properly." There is no

charge for alterations on regularly priced merchandise.

Another Dorota service which helps clients get more for their money is "wardrobe updating." If clients bring clothes that are already in their wardrobe for a consultation, Gallo can help them co-ordinate new items with the old. "We do a lot of separates for evening," Gallo says. "We can create an incredible wardrobe by putting (silk, satin and velvet) pieces together."

"Service is the most important thing," says Gallo. "We don't push. We make people feel welcome."

Dorota International Imports is located at 55 Bloor St. W.

J.L. Hudson offers choice

Everyone loves a wedding. However, the one factor that tends to dampen the festive occasion for those involved is the amount of money that is required to properly conduct the event.

J.L. Hudson, located in Lawrence Plaza, is a store that can offer an alternative to those who must take budget restrictions into consideration during the planning stages of the wedding.

Jack Ladowsky, owner of the four-year-old store, has an extensive background in apparel manufacturing. In fact, he has spent over 38 years in the business. It is this experience that led him to open J.L. Hudson.

Ladowsky explains the marketing and philosophical concept behind his creation.

Originally, the idea for the store was developed when he realized that there is a huge market for brides who prefer not to wait for their wedding gowns. Rather, they are willing to forego that waiting period, and instead, buy their gown from stock at decent prices, he says.

He says that the regular price range for wedding gowns is anywhere from $500 to $1,200. However, the added incentive at J. L. Hudson is that Ladowsky then discounts these gowns at 30 to 60 per cent off that regular price.

Is discounting the way of the future?

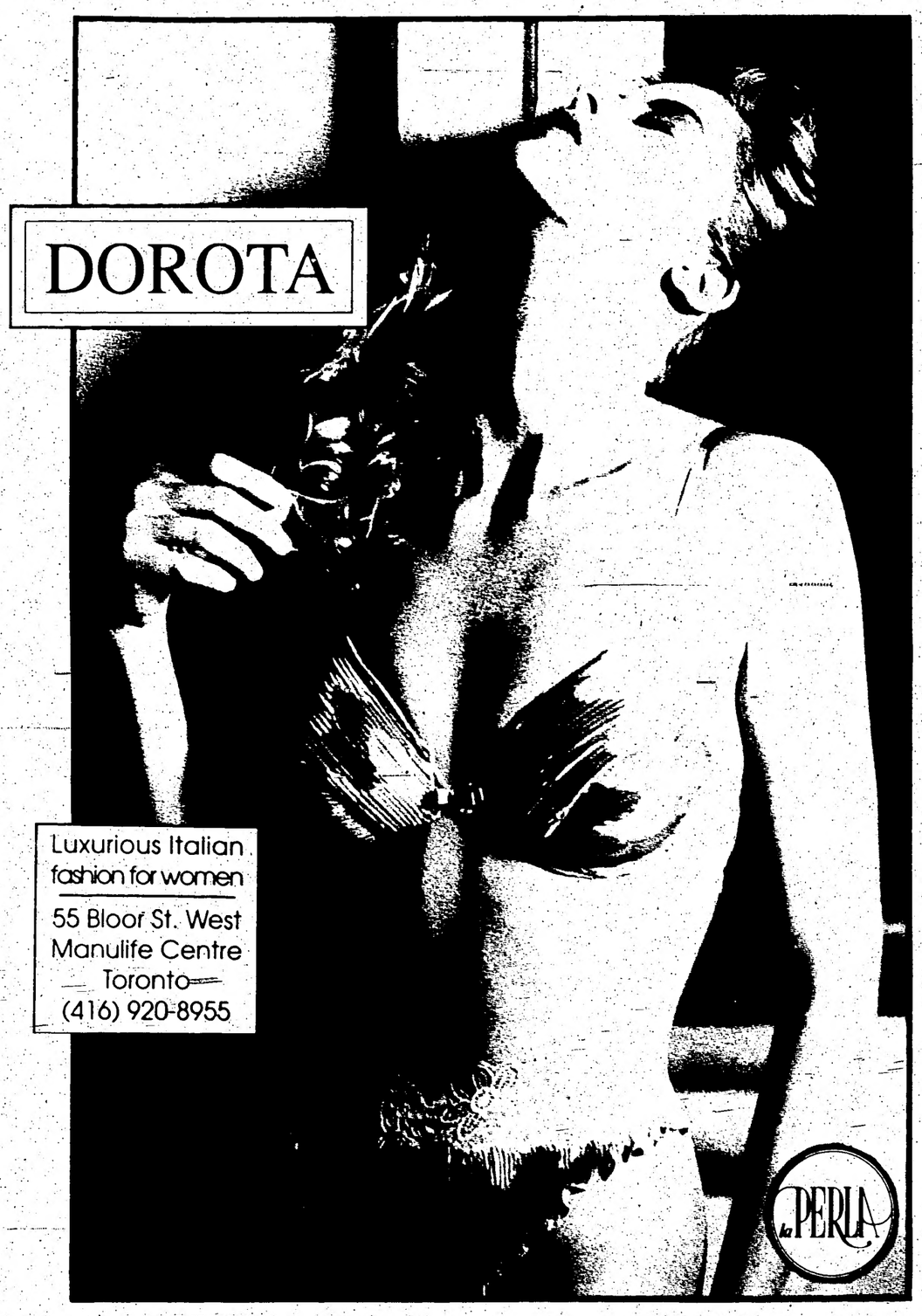
"It's a lifestyle," Ladowsky says. "People are always looking to save money."

Although the alterations to the wedding gowns must be done elsewhere, the customer is getting top names in bridal wear and good prices, he says.

Large range of designer wear

The store itself is 4,000 square feet. In addition to the extensive selection of bridal gowns and accessories such as veils and hats, J.L. Hudson also carries a large range of top designer sports wear and leather goods.

Prior to beginning J.L. Hudson, Ladowsky was the original manufacturer of a woman's coat line known as Hudson Cloak.



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Buying a home

Signature sells, grows with young buyers

Buying a first home can be a difficult situation for newlyweds. Signature Realty Limited has all the experience and knowledge to help young buyers overcome this.

"We are accustomed to dealing with young people," says Bernie Hoffman, owner of Signature Realty Ltd. "We can sell them their first house, grow with them and sell them their million dollar dream house when they're ready for it."

Hoffman has been in the real estate business for 40 years. His office is located on Bathurst Street and his staff is very familiar with the Willowdale real estate market.

Most of their clients, says Larry Wronzberg, manager of Signature Realty Ltd., live in this area "and we know it very well."

Hoffman describes his company as being very efficient. "We have a variety of people working for us and their preferences vary. Some are parents and grandparents, some are young and can relate very well to first-time buyers."

"Most of our staff live in this area," Hoffman adds.

Of course first-time buyers aren't necessarily young. Some couples live together in a rented place for some time before they buy. "Some first-time buyers are 35 or older," Hoffman says.

Most houses Signature Realty sells are in the Willowdale area and sell for $200,000 to $250,000.

"If they can't afford that we can find them something for $150,000 but it may not be a dream house." Hoffman encourages young people to buy a house now. "Don't wait until you're 41 to start looking for a house." You don't need two garages and four bathrooms yet, Hoffman says. "Most young people now get financial help from their parents," he said.

The basic starter home for just over $200,000 includes three bedrooms on the second floor, 1½ bathrooms and an attached garage. "A good starter home should have all the basics they need," says Wronzberg.

Because of the staff's experience in real estate, Signature Realty can help buyers with many real estate related things they might not know much about. The company can discuss construction pitfalls, ways to finance a house, advice on decorating problems and help with renovations.

Hoffman suggests newlyweds buy a house as soon as they can. "Go out and buy a house you can afford--nothing more, nothing less. Buy today at today's market."

Signature Realty Ltd. also has an office on Woodbine.

Bridal registry

Cavalier makes life easier to select gifts

Shopping for a bridal present can be quite time consuming unless you know exactly what the bride wants and needs.

Fortunately, Cavalier Bath Boutique, with its bridal registry system, makes it a lot easier to pick out the perfect present.

Carmen Aragon, who along with her husband Robert has co-owned the 25-year-old boutique for the last three years, says that her staff concentrates on helping brides furnish their bathroom with everything from the practical to the unusual.

"When a bride first comes in we help her determine exactly what it is she needs in such items as towels, mats, shower curtains and bath accessories. Then we concentrate on choosing the color scheme."

Aragon says that what makes her store unique is that she will lend brides certain pieces to see if the color blends in with their new home. "Colors are very difficult to carry in your head and given the choice of three different shades of one color, the bride may not know which shade to choose. If she brings a piece home, however, she can tell immediately if that color works in her bathroom."

She says that bathroom items are often not the first thing people have in mind while buying presents, so by having this registry, brides are assured of furnishing a very important room in their home.

"As well it is always nice to be able to buy a present for a bride in the color scheme she has chosen instead of always choosing neutral colors. You really know your gift will be appreciated and go to good use."

Aragon adds that after a bride has chosen all the necessities for her bathroom, the staff can help her choose the accessories that will help spice up the room. "She can choose such items as a toilet paper cover-up, framed pictures and a lot of one-of-a-kind ceramic pieces. We try to look for items that are not carried anywhere else. We really strive to be original and if she is looking for something that we do not carry, we go to all possible lengths to order it for her."

She stresses that at Cavalier Bath Boutique, the bottom line is service. "We try to do as much as we can for a bride by giving her all the attention she needs and by offering a wide assortment of items. Furnishing a new home for the first time can be a very confusing task but by having someone on hand to guide her step by step, things are made a lot easier."

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Ritche keeps firm hold on bridal wear

For the past 40 years, the name Ritche has been synonymous with bridal wear, and if Vivian Ritche has anything to do with it, the firm will remain on top for the next 40 years.

During their lengthy history, Vivian says the store has moved three times within Toronto. Customers may remember when the firm was located on Bloor Street for 29 years before they moved to Eglinton Avenue for another 10.

Five years ago, Ritche moved to the present location at 1662 Avenue Rd. As Vivian says, the move was made because the size of the business had again grown and parking space is a bonus for customers.

Making things easier for brides is a staff specialty at Ritche. In total, there are five consulting rooms for brides. Appointments should be made so the bride will receive the one-on-one attention she deserves, Vivian says.

Ritche not only specializes in wedding gowns but everything from flower girl dresses to outfits for the mother-of-the-bride.

The fact that there are over 500 dresses to choose from means that making a final decision is tricky. Vivian says that her bridal consultants can help the bride narrow down that choice.

Ritche carries many of the advertised dresses from the United States, as well as European imports and Canadian merchandise.

Perhaps one of the services Ritche is best known for is their custom design work. "Essentially, this has made us the institution we are in Toronto," she says.

She adds that many brides will choose not to have their gowns made because of the cost. However, Vivian stresses that fact that this is not the case. The cost of the gown will vary depending on the fabric, the style and the amount of decorative work involved.

In addition, custom work allows the bride to incorporate different styles into one dress and this can lead to the making of the bride's dream gown.

Ritche's in-store promotion is open to all. The prizes consist of a honeymoon package to Jamaica, sponsored by Just Honeymoon by Dufferin Travel, a coupon towards a honeymoon, and upon purchase, a gift.

Material has many uses

Dance fashions perfect for gowns

What started off five years ago as a store that featured dance fashions has expanded its market to include textiles perfect for bridal and bridesmaids gowns.

Second Skin Fashions Ltd., at 8100 Yonge St., five blocks south of Highway 7, sells a variety of materials including organdy and satin, laces and sequins, that brides can have custom made into a gown of their choice.

Made with utmost care

"After selling dance costumes for a while, we discovered that the materials would be perfect for an evening or bridal gown," says Rochelle Levy, who owns the store with her husband Larry.

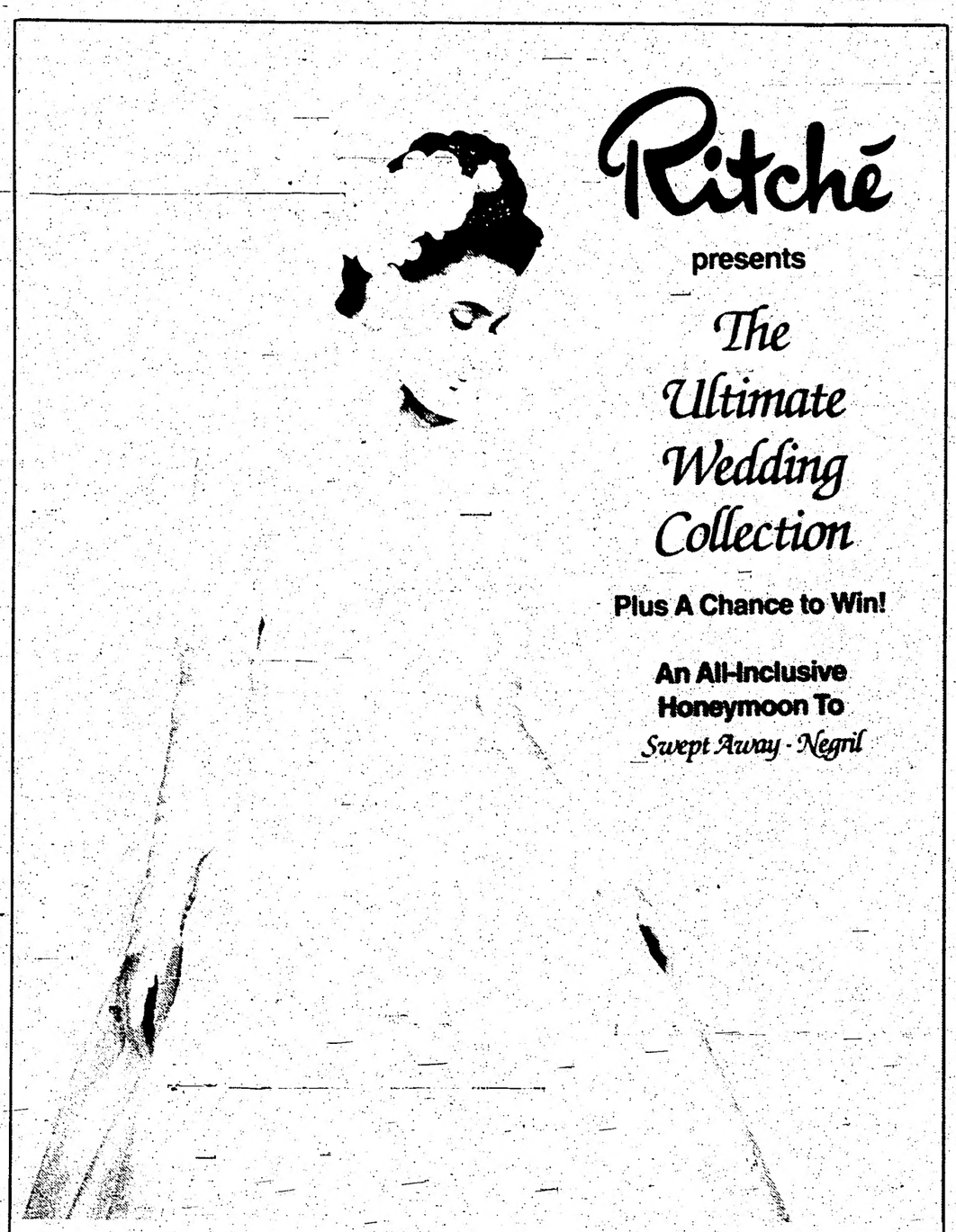
She says that at limited times of the year, such as in the summer and in November and December, Second Skin's own seamstresses can custom make a dress for any member of the bridal party. "At other times of the year we sell the material and customers can take it to a seamstress of their choice," says Levy.

She says that as well as dress materials, the store also carries a large variety of accessories to finish the bridal look. "We carry hat forms for the bridal headpiece to which silk flowers or lace can be applied, as well as the crinolin material for the veils."

Ballet slippers, often worn by dancers and also quite popular among many brides, are available in a variety of sizes. "If a customer comes into the store looking for a particular item or material and we do not have it in stock we try and tell them where they can find what they are looking for. We really go out of our way to provide good service and high quality products."

Levy says that the dresses that they do custom make are made with the utmost of care. "We know how important these dresses are, and our seamstresses strive for high quality work. Brides and members of the bridal party are assured that when they leave the store they will leave with a gown about which they have absolutely no regrets."

She adds that because the dresses are custom made, either by Second Skin or by a personal seamstress, they truly are originals.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The Olive Tree

Now 'that's Italian'

The one thing that Franco Olivieri wants to emphasize about his business is the name.

He stresses the fact that the name of his restaurant is The Olive Tree — not The Olive Garden.

One way to keep the two establishments separate is to visit The Olive Tree.

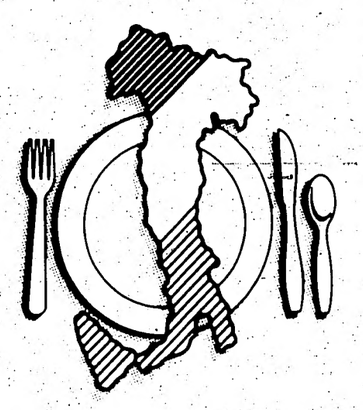
No one could fail to remember the name of the authentically-decorated Italian restaurant.

Olivieri describes the atmosphere as elegant and relaxed and the decor emphasizes this fact.

Perfect for a wedding reception

In the room with the low ceiling, the white stucco walls and posters wonderfully illustrate the Italian culture. The wooden accents along with the antique furniture add a rustic feel to the environment.

A second room satisfies those customers who prefer modern surroundings. The ceiling is higher and the walls are done in grey and white stucco.



Olivieri, along with partner/chef Letizia Montoro, established The Olive Tree 12 years ago.

Along with the comfortable dining area, the restaurant also offers facilities to those customers who are looking for a place in which to hold a wedding reception.

The rooms seat up to 120 people. Olivieri says that in additon to supplying all the services needed to ensure couples have a worry-free reception, they may also choose between a totally non-smoking or smoking room for the comfort of their guests.

The Olive Tree has one location only. It is situated at 1734 Avenue Rd. For reservations call 782-7971.

Comfort, cleanliness add to ambience

An abundance of windows, plants and flowers, together with rattan chairs and linen tablecloths create an airy comfortable atmosphere where customers can relax and feel at home.

This is the ambience that has been created at Oriental Court, 8100 Yonge Street in Thornhill, an enticing setting to say the least.

Owner Charles Tsang, a native of Taishan in Southern China, is proud of the restaurant that he built almost five years ago.

His original aim was to cater to the non-Chinese market and, to date, he has tapped into the unappeased appetite for Szechuan and Cantonese cuisine in York region.

Although reservations are recommended for the evening dinner hours, daily lunches and Sunday brunches attract a relaxed clientele. Tsang says that many customers spend two or three hours in either the restaurant or the

lounge simply chatting.

With little or no Sunday shopping in Ontario, Tsang points out that the Sunday brunch is a nice alternative for people who are looking to get out of the house.

While comfort is stressed, so too is cleanliness and service. Not only does Oriental Court deliver to those clients who can't take a break from the office for lunch, but the restaurant also caters parties such as wedding showers as well as other events.

Oriental Court has facilities to seat 140 people, and can accomodate up to 50 people for wedding receptions and other special occasion parties.

He adds that at this time of year, the restaurant is accepting reservations for special parties that will take place over the upcoming holiday season.

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Ashley name holds magic

William Ashley China has been registering brides for over 30 years.

The computerized registry service along with the knowledgeable, friendly staff offer the kind of assistance that is needed by brides during the selection stage, says Shanitha Muratori, a sales and bridal consultant at Ashley.

Muratori says that the firm has the largest selection of dinnerware patterns in North America at great prices. In fact, some of the patterns they carry have been designed exclusively for them.

In addition, Muratori says the store, located at 50 Bloor St. W., has the vast selection of European silver and stainless steel giftware that will ensure the bride's satisfaction. As well, the large selections of crystal stemware and other items can be combined to create a complete package.

Over the past 30 years, many trends have emerged within the bridal industry. Today, some of the more notable changes include the involvement of the groom in the registry service.

As well, Muratori says that brides want a total look. This included pieces used for formal dinners to dinnerware that would be suitable for casual entertaining.

Brides are also accenting their china patterns with several different patterns. For example, Muratori says that the main pieces are accentuated if a different dessert plate or soup bowl is used. She says the most popular bridal patterns tend to be more tailored, classic designs.

She adds that there is a return to formality. This trend can be seen in the resurgence of serving plates in either silver or china.

Generally, brides and grooms are selecting more gift items for guests. This is more convenient for those guests who prefer to purchase a separate gift item. Muratori says these pieces might include vases, bowls and silver pieces.

Brides are concerned about getting the maximum wear with the minimum upkeep. All dinnerware is dishwasher safe and the dinnerware without metal is microwavable, Muratori says.

More brides today are interested in stainless steel flatware because of the low maintenance it requires.

However, if they prefer silver, brides should inquire about new storage methods for retarding tarnish.

Muratori adds that brides are concerned about offering a broad price range for their guests. In order to answer that demand, Ashley's is offering more selection in all areas as well as linens and other items.

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